

# For The **Good Of** **the Order** MAGAZINE



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## A HISTORY OF **FLAG DAY**



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# Letter From The Editor

As we embark on another exciting edition of "For the Good of the Order Magazine," it brings me immense joy to extend a warm welcome back to our readers, lodge members, and the ever-supportive public. Your continued engagement and enthusiasm for our digital publication inspire us to continually strive for excellence in bringing you insightful content that reflects the values and spirit of the Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120.

For those returning to our pages, welcome back! Your loyalty and support mean the world to us. And to those joining us for the first time, whether you're a newly initiated Elk or a curious member of the community, we extend a heartfelt greeting. We hope you find our magazine not just informative, but a source of inspiration and connection to our shared community.

Looking ahead, we have a great lineup of community events set to unfold throughout June and July in Pascagoula, Gautier, Moss Point, and East Central. From local festivals to charity drives, there's something for everyone to get involved in and make a positive impact in our neighborhoods.

As we approach Flag Day, a quintessential symbol of patriotism and unity, we delve into the origins of this historic celebration and its profound significance in American culture. Moreover, we explore the enduring links between the Elks and the tradition of honoring the American flag, underscoring our commitment to upholding the values it represents.

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Warm regards,

**David Chamberlain**  
Editor-In-Chief

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# From the Exalted Ruler

Greetings Elks!

Let us start the new Lodge year with some exciting news for everyone. I am happy to announce that Pascagoula Lodge #1120 will be hosting the MS State Elks Association Mid-Winter Conference for the first time since 2008. The Lodge Officers and I are excited for this opportunity to highlight our Lodge and our community. A committee has been formed and plans are already underway that promises to put on a first class event. VIP guests will include incoming Grand Exalted Ruler Douglas Schiefer and a guest speaker to be announced later, hoping for Grand Lodge Secretary Brian Klatt. There will be a lot to prepare for that will need folks to take the lead and get the job done. If would like to help with our efforts, please contact Becky Turner or myself. I also encourage everyone to consider attending the conference (December 6-8) and show our Elks pride for our Lodge. More information will be provided as agenda details come together.

Mother's Day is on May 12. This is the time to honor mothers and grandmothers spent endless hours teaching, guiding, and shaping who we are. It is a day to be surrounded by loving family and celebrating them. The Lodge will be honoring our mothers on June 2



along with the fathers as we show our appreciation for their wisdom and love. Happy Mother's and Father's Day!

Elks National Youth Week is celebrated May 1-7, but the Lodge will be celebrating on May 18 with our Student of the Year banquet. We had a lot of outstanding students receive Student of the Month honors over the school year, and we will present our award to the top student from those recipients.

The 18th is also Armed Forces Day. Special guest CDR Rebecca Macus (USN) will attend the banquet and give comments that recognize the student's achievements. She will also be recognized for her service to defend our country.

Memorial Day, on May 27, is a time to remember the fallen soldiers, sailors, and airmen and show our commitment and appreciation for those that made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. To all our Veterans, thank you for your service.

With Fidelity,  
Curtis Welsh

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# Let's Be Herd

Joe Parisi, PER, PSP



Dear Members,

As I reflect on the past year, I am deeply grateful for the dedication and commitment each of you has shown. Together, we have expanded our charitable giving, increased community involvement, and improved the overall health of the Elks organization within Mississippi. I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to our incoming State President, Jeff Crevitt, and the incoming officers for the 2024-2025 fraternal year. With their leadership and vision, I am confident that our association will continue to thrive and serve with excellence.

I now turn my attention to two of my favorite things: The Gulf Coast Past Exalted Rulers Association and the Mississippi Elks Kids Camp. The Past Exalted Ruler association holds a special place within our organization, symbolizing the enduring legacy of leadership and service. In the coming year, we will work diligently to strengthen this vital connection, fostering unity and support among our past leaders.

For the Mississippi Kids Camp, I have a goal of assisting the lead-

ership with reorganizing the 501(c)3 associated with the Camp. This will enable solicitation of a wider source of funding from more than just those who love the Elks, but also from sources that require the charitable designation to provide donations. I have seen what other states can do when they set goals and manage their charitable organization. We can do much the same, and Mississippi needs to begin its goals of long term endowment growth now. We should set a goal of achieving \$1,000,000 by 2030.

Through our collective efforts, we will harness the power of community and compassion to uplift those in need. Together, we will build a brighter future for our state and leave a legacy of hope and opportunity for generations to come.

I extend my deepest gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support and dedication to our shared mission. Together, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

Warm regards,

Joe Parisi, PSP, PER

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# Lodge Supports Future Generations with Donation to Jackson County 4-H



David Chamberlain, Editor

On Tuesday, March 26, 2024, the Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 demonstrated its commitment to the local community by presenting a \$250 check to the Jackson County 4-H organization. This generous donation will specifically support 4-H's Shooting Sports Program, benefiting the children of our community.

4-H is a renowned youth development organization that empowers young people with the skills and confidence they need to thrive in life. Through hands-on projects, mentorship, and leadership opportunities, 4-H helps young people aged 5-18 develop essential life skills such as problem-solving, critical thinking, communication, and teamwork.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Program is a vital component of the organization's offerings, teaching young people marksmanship, safety, and sportsmanship. This program helps participants develop:

- Discipline and focus
- Responsibility and self-control
- Teamwork and communication skills
- Self-confidence and self-esteem

Through the Shooting Sports Program, 4-H aims to create a safe and supportive environment for young people to learn

and grow, promoting a lifelong appreciation for the shooting sports and the outdoors.

The Elks Lodge's donation will directly support the program's activities, including:

- Equipment and supplies for archery, rifle, and shotgun shooting disciplines
- Training and certification for volunteer instructors and coaches
- Program materials and resources for participants

By supporting 4-H's Shooting Sports Program, the Elks Lodge is investing in the development and growth of our community's young men and women, teaching them valuable skills and values that will benefit them throughout their lives.

If you share the Elks Lodge's passion for nurturing future generations, consider supporting or volunteering with Jackson County 4-H or Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120. Together, we can make a meaningful impact on the lives of our community's youth and shape a brighter future for all.

Join the effort to empower our community's young people!

## Upcoming 4-H Events

### Kids in the Kitchen

July 9th through 11th—10:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Gautier Civic Center

Kids in the Kitchen provides “hands on” learning opportunities for kids ages 5-18 years of age for a 3 day cooking camp about safe food practices, food preparation, table manners, and prepare healthy food for tasting purposes! Participation is free for all enrolled 4-H youth in Jackson County.

### Environmental Camp

July 16th through 18th—10:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Grand Bay NERR

This special 3-day summer camp introduces students to impacts to our coastal region from rising seas. Mississippi State University Extension Specialists will lead students through fun activities showcasing their resilience extension work and the NASA science they use to plan for future flooding. Students will participate in hands-on science activities and demonstrations



Pictured L - R: Connie Bosarge, Elks 1120; Shelby Hudson Agricultural and Natural Resource Agent / 4H; Joe Parisi, Mississippi State



# By the Numbers

Members **378**

Candidates **19**

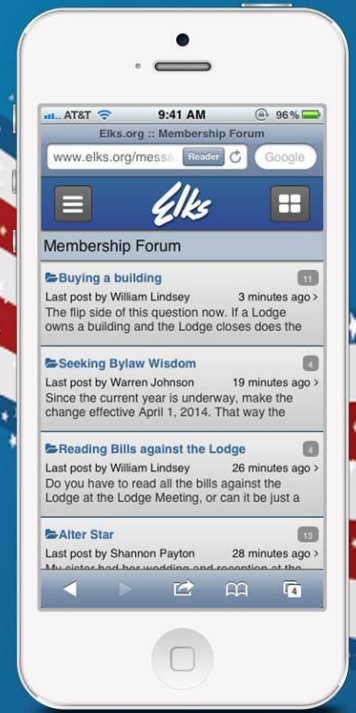
Demits **0**

Delinquencies **135**

ENF Per Capita **\$2.98** <sup>\* Estimate</sup>

ENF Lodge Total **\$1129.00**

# Elks ONLINE



Join in the conversation.

Register online  
[www.elks.org/register](http://www.elks.org/register)

# Muriel Baeyens Honored for ENF Contributions

Every Friday, Muriel Baeyens—an eight year member—gracefully glides from table to table, serving up delicious steaks and catfish with a smile. After patrons have finished their meals, she tidies up the tables with equal finesse. Then, like a dessert fairy, she presents the dessert cart, tempting diners with sweet treats. What's remarkable is that she does all of this voluntarily, without complaint, and generously donates all her tips to the Elks National Foundation.

Muriel is the embodiment of the Elk volunteer spirit. She has taken on the lead server role on steak nights at the lodge, not just to serve meals but also to raise funds and awareness for the Elks' primary charitable foundation. Recently, Muriel achieved Honorary Founder status, a prestigious recognition reserved for those who demonstrate exceptional commitment through their contributions.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Muriel for her unwavering dedication and invaluable contributions to the Elks National Foundation



L to R: Exalted Ruler Curtis Welsh, Muriel Baeyens, ENF Chair Lynn Overman

**COOLER RAFFLE**

1 Ticket--\$1.00  
6 Tickets--\$5.00  
Arm's Length--\$20.00

Drawing Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.

Do not have to be present to win.  
Tickets sales are available to members and the public.  
All proceeds go towards the purchase of new chairs.  
Purchase tickets from Bartender or Diana.

## Cooler Raffle to Purchase Chairs for Social Quarters

What's better than having the Fourth of July Holiday to spend with family and friends? How about having a brand new igloo cooler filled to the brim with a variety of adult beverages, and a new Weber grill to cook up those hamburgers and hotdogs for the party?

It can all be yours if you get your tickets today. Entries are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, and you get your arm's length in tickets for \$20. If you have wide arms, that means you get even more chances!

The giveaway is July 3rd at 7:00 PM at the Lodge. So, get your tickets today and help the Lodge raise money for new chairs in the social quarters. Get your tickets from the bartenders or House Committee members. You don't want to miss out on this opportunity to make your 4th of July Party even better!



# April Students Of the Month

The Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 proudly presented Student of the Month awards on Thursday, April 11, 2024, just before our regular business meeting. We are thrilled to recognize the exceptional achievements of these young individuals. Our aim is to show appreciation for their dedication in academics, personal endeavors, and community service. Their hard work not only reflects their own aspirations but also inspires confidence in the bright future of our community. We



**Madison Jensen**  
Moss Point High School



Madison is the daughter of Jimmie and Charles Rea. She plans to major in Biological sciences at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and pursue a career as a Cytogenic Technologist.



**Pakera Hurst**  
Pascagoula High School



Pakera is the daughter of Latashia King. She plans to attend the University of Mississippi for a Pharmaceutical Sciences degree. She plans to work in research pharmaceuticals.



**Yailyn Novedo Peña**  
Gautier High School



Yailyn is the daughter of Yaselyn Peña Alicea. She will begin college studies at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College where she will study Animal Science. She will become a veterinarian.



**Patrick Keene**  
Resurrection Catholic High



Patrick is the son of Stewart and Lisa Keene. Mississippi State University is his college destination where he will study Finance and Accounting. Investment Banking and Financial Advisory is his goal.



**Madison Knight**  
East Central High School



Madison is the daughter of Brian and Rebekah Knight. She will major in Biomedical Engineering at Mississippi State University. She plans to become a paediatric surgeon.

# Laughing Out Loud: The Hilarious Hijinks of the Pascagoula Elks Lodge Womanless Beauty Pageant

By Julie Eplin-Renfroe  
Ladies Auxiliary President

On the delightful evening of March 23, 2024, the Pascagoula Elks Lodge #1120 was alight with laughter and merriment as the much-anticipated annual "Womanless Beauty Pageant" unfolded. This beloved tradition, organized by the dedicated members of the Pascagoula Elks Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, never fails to entertain, and this year was no exception. Under the expert guidance of Sharon Freeman, the event's chairperson, and her devoted committee, the stage was set for an unforgettable showcase of talent and humor.

As the doors opened and guests took their seats, anticipation hung thick in the air. DJ Phil Richardson set the mood with his carefully curated playlist, while the irrepressible Marc Turner assumed his role as emcee, ready to guide the audience through an evening of hilarity.

Leading the proceedings was Candy Sholar, the esteemed Past President of the Ladies Auxiliary 2023-2024, whose grace and charm added an extra touch of elegance to the affair. With each participant eagerly awaiting their moment in the spotlight, the stage was set for a night to remember.

The judging panel, comprised of esteemed members of the community including Past Exalted Ruler Jimbo Blythe, the lovely Mrs. Debby Green, and the ever-helpful and go-getter Muriel Baeyens, took their seats, ready to evaluate the contestants across three key categories: beauty, wardrobe, and crowd interaction. Their



The Judges—L to R: Debby Green, PER Jimbo Blythe, Muriel Baeyens

task was not an easy one, as each contestant brought their own unique flair and personality to the stage.

The pageant kicked off in grand fashion with a regal entrance by Thelma Harper, the reigning Queen Doeless of 2023. Her presence set the tone for what was to come, as each subsequent contestant dazzled the audience with their creativity and charisma.

From Miss Lahooch's playful antics to Lady Marlboro Red's graceful elegance, each participant brought something special to the

stage. Whether it was Miss Rubbin's infectious energy or Miss Jessica James' spirited cowgirl persona, the audience was treated to a diverse array of performances that kept them on the edge of their seats.

The festivities were made even more memorable by the participation of the following contestants:

1. Miss Lahooch (George Cole)
2. Lady Marlboro Red (Chad Brownlow)
3. Miss Rubbin (Enos Treece)
4. Miss Jessica James (Jesse James)
5. Miss Pistol Pam (Troy Noxon)
6. Miss Darlene Doitall (Dudley Nix)
7. Miss Shana Tang (Tony Olson)
8. Miss Delta Dawn (Bubba Holifield)
9. Miss Sassy Salsa (Manny Heredia)
10. Miss Janet Junkinhertrunk (Brice Strickland)

First contestant to the stage was Miss Lahooch (aka George Cole). She was rocking her white crop top, black capris, and flip flops (when they stayed on her feet) showing off her big ole tramp stamp across the middle of her back. Gliding around the dance floor to "Cherry Pie" by Warrant. Miss Lahooch threw out beads and some other trinkets that she was carrying in her bag to the audience.



Miss Lahooch

Lady Marlboro Red (aka Chad Brownlow) was the second woman to woo the crowd. Entering the stage to "Lady in Red" by Chris de Burgh, Lady Marlboro Red was gliding around the floor in her long red dress and fancy black flats. She danced with various





Miss Rubbin

members of the audience, showing off all her secret moves that blew their minds.

Next, Miss Rubbin (aka Enos Treece) wearing her favorite dress, "the Wench" made a rolling entrance. She frolicked around the stage to the song "Birthday Girl" by Lizzo showing off her big burly figure. Her performance was met with cheers and applause from the audience, who were thoroughly amused by her dance moves.

The fourth contestant, Miss Jessica James, (aka Jesse James), galloped in on her horse, nearly trampling over her own feet. She was in her usual cowgirl style clothing consisting of a checkered green and black button up shirt tied above her stomach, daisy duke shorts and ankle high boots. Miss Jessica James cantered around the stage to the song "Beer for my Horses" by the late, great Toby Keith. Thankfully for everyone in attendance, the horse was on her best behavior and no cleanup was required.

Showing up just three minutes before she was to take center stage was Miss Pistol Pam (aka Troy Noxon). Ironically, the title of the song that she chose as her introduction music, "Hell on Heels" by the Pistol Annie's, is exactly how she entered the stage. Except that she forgot her heels and wore her flat flip flops that accented her long flowery dress. Everyone is still asking, "What Miss Pistol Pam was really up to that made her so late?" Her answer, "A real lady never reveals her secrets!"

Miss Darlene Doitall (aka Dudley Nix) is a former "Queen Doeless" from many, many moons ago trying to win back her title, was 6th "woman" to take center stage. With her long blonde hair, her sparkling pink evening gown and white four-wheel drive flip flops, she strolled around the stage and into the audience, campaigning to the audience to persuade the judges to choose her as the winner. Miss Doitall chose the song "Dude (Looks Like a Lady)" by Aerosmith. Pretty amusing being that she is the hairiest "woman" that you will ever lay eyes on!!

The quiet, yet sneaky, Miss Shana Tang (aka Tony Olson) joined the others on stage as the next contestant. Rocking out to the popular song, "Man, I Feel Like a Woman" by Shania Twain, she owned the floor. Miss Tang gracefully enticed the audience with her curly brown hair, lacey maroon dress, and shiny black shoes. She worked that crowd like no one had ever seen.

Coming out next was the lovely Miss Delta Dawn, (aka Bubba Holifield). Just as her name, the song of her choice was "Delta Dawn" by Tanya Tucker. Her shiny brown hair accented her small prickly face. Her long blue dress and beige sunhat made her seem as small as a toothpick.



Jessica James and Shana Tang

The audience was completely mesmerized by the dainty Miss Delta Dawn.

Second to last, all the way from the border, the one and only, Miss Sassy Salsa (aka Manny Heredia). Miss Sassy Salsa sassed her way around the stage and audience to the song "I'm to Sexy" by Right Said Fred. Wearing a pink and purple short poofy dress and her curly black hair she rattled the audience like they were a pair of maracas.

The last contestant for the night was nothing short of a tall drink of water. Making the current Miss Queen Doeless get antsy in her seat, was Miss Janet Junkinhertrunk, (aka Brice Strickland). Wearing a long red glistening evening gown, that hugged her robust figure and silk gloves that went to her elbows. She sashayed around the stage to the music of Deniece Williams, "Let's Hear it for the Boys."

But the moment everyone had been waiting for arrived with the announcement of the new 2024 Miss Queen Doeless. After much anticipation, Miss Darlene Doitall was named Fan Favorite, and runner up was Miss Rubbin. Miss Lahooch was crowned the winner, her infectious energy and magnetic stage presence earning her the coveted title.

As the evening drew to a close, there was a palpable sense of joy and camaraderie in the air. Guests lingered, reluctant to let the night end, as they shared stories and laughter long into the night. It was a testament to the power of community and the enduring spirit of camaraderie that defines the Elks Lodge.

As the event came to a close, there were heartfelt thanks and expressions of gratitude to all who had made the evening possible. From the tireless efforts of Sharon Freeman and her committee to the boundless energy of DJ Phil Richardson and Marc Turner, each individual had played a vital role in making the night a success.

But the festivities were far from over, as the Ladies Auxiliary had one final surprise in store for the eager crowd. With great excitement, they announced plans for a "Manless Beau Pageant" to be held in October 2024, promising another evening of laughter and fun for all who attended.

As the audience dispersed, their hearts full and their spirits lifted, there was no doubt that they would eagerly await the next installment of this beloved tradition. For in the hallowed halls of the Elks Lodge, laughter truly is the best medicine, and camaraderie reigns supreme.



Outgoing Queen Doeless Thelma Harper

# Celebrating Academic Excellence: Lodge 1120 Awards Four \$1,000 Scholarships

In a proud moment for both the Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 and the local community, four exceptional students have been honored with \$1,000 scholarships each, recognizing their dedication, academic prowess, and community spirit. The recipients, Waiki Sanders from Pascagoula High School, Jha'Nea Shelby from Moss Point High School, Trace Tingle, and Evelyn Lachaussee from Resurrection Catholic High School, stood out among a pool of outstanding applicants, showcasing not only their academic achievements but also their commitment to making a positive impact in their communities.

The selection process for the scholarships was rigorous, with many talented and deserving students vying for the opportunity. Each applicant brought their unique blend of academic achievements, extracurricular involvement, and community service, making the decision a challenging one for the scholarship committee. However, after careful consideration, these students emerged as the deserving recipients, embodying the values of scholarship, leadership, and service that the Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 seeks to promote.

Waiki Sanders was honored at the Lodge's December 2023 student of the month and Jha'Nea Shelby, was recognized as the Lodge's February 2024 student of the month.

These four outstanding students serve as shining examples of the talent and potential within our local schools. Their achievements not only reflect their individual dedication and hard work but also highlight the supportive and nurturing environment fostered by their teachers, families, and communities. As they embark on the next chapter of their academic journeys, the Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 is proud to support them in their endeavors and looks forward to witnessing their continued success.



L to R: Jha'Nea Shelby, Loyal Knight Becky Turner



L to R: Loyal Knight Becky Turner, Waiki Sanders, PHS Coach and Elks 1120 Member Lewis Sims



L to R: Trace Tingle, Loyal Knight Becky Turner



L to R: Evelyn Lachaussee, Loyal Knight Becky Turner



L to R: Dale Cortez—Flag Master, Hans Schmidt—President Pascagoula Shipyard, Benjamin Schoenberger—Senior Manager, Patti Bradley—Elks 1120 Americanism Chair, Curtis Welsh—Exalted Ruler Elks 1120, Chris Grace—Procurement and Elks 1120 member.

# Signet Maritime Receives Flag Display Award



## Signet's Heritage and Operations

Signet Maritime Corporation, a diverse international marine transportation and logistics services company, has a rich history. Founded in 1976 as Bulkfleet Marine Corporation by J. Barry Snyder, it designed, constructed, and operated the first 30,000 deadweight ton heavy-fuel 8,000 horsepower tug/barge units. Bulkfleet later expanded its operations, engaging in bulk petroleum distribution, inland towing, rig and energy support, and ship management.

In 1984, Bulkfleet consolidated into Signet Maritime, expanding into ocean towing and intermodal services. That same year, Signet purchased Ocean Transportation Services from Foss Maritime, enhancing its break-bulk and project cargo capabilities. The merger allowed Signet to focus on its core maritime technology competencies.

In 1999, Signet acquired the Gulf of Mexico to South America shipping business from Sea Freight Companies, enabling it to move project cargoes and break-bulk materials worldwide. The purchase of Garrett Marine, Inc. in 2003 increased Signet's presence in Ingleside/Aransas Pass with three additional tugs.

## Expansion and Community Engagement

In June 2010, Signet acquired Colle Towing Company, Inc. in Pascagoula, Mississippi. This acquisition included a full-service shipyard, now known as Signet Shipbuilding & Repair, which specializes in construction and general shipbuilding overhauls. Currently, 150 personnel are employed at the Pascagoula shipyard, where the company focuses on hiring locally and uses only American-made parts and components for their projects.

Signet services more than 700 dockings annually in Pascagoula, including operations with LNG, Chevron, Bollinger, the Port of Pascagoula, and Huntington-Ingalls Shipbuilding. The Signet Reliance and the Signet Resolute also provide firefighting capabilities to the port and regularly train with the Pascagoula Fire Department using an on-site ship simulator. Looking ahead, Schoenberger mentions that Signet is prepared for future Panamax expansion opportunities at the Port of Pascagoula.

Our Lodge is proud to recognize this patriotic business and community partner for their efforts in ensuring our nation's flag is honored and respected. The presentation was made on Wednesday, May 29, 2024.

The giant American flag, visible to everyone driving along US Highway 90 and crossing the Pascagoula River Bridge, has been a familiar sight for years. It has been a part of the local shipyards through different owners, from HAM Marine to Colle Towing, and now Signet Maritime.

## The Flag and Its Care

Dale Cortez is responsible for the flag, which requires a team of three to properly raise and maintain. The flag is enormous, measuring 22 feet by 37 feet. The team monitors federal websites and receives daily emails to determine when the flag should be at full or half-staff. The flag is taken down if winds are consistently above 15 miles per hour or if severe weather is impending. "People notice the flag," says Ben Schoenberger, Senior Manager of Operations. "We get calls all the time asking why the flag is at half-mast."

## Significance of the Flag

Hans Schmidt, President of Signet Shipbuilding and Repair, emphasizes the importance of the U.S. flag to Signet. "The Snyder family considers flags at each of its five locations as our calling card," he says. "You'll notice we don't have a sign out front. The flag is our sign."



# To Our Absent Members



## George Jackson Haines, Jr



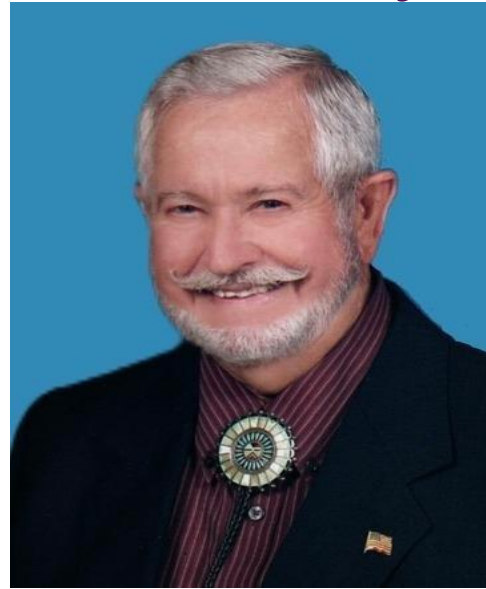
**Initiated** October 30, 1980

**Died** April 8, 2024

George was born in Macon, GA to George and Agnes Haines. He worked as the Approving Officer of Food Research for the U.S. Department of Commerce and served in the National Guard for many years during the Vietnam Era. He was a prankster and loved to bring laughter to others. George was a lifetime member of the Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120, serving in several official capacities over the years, most recently as a trustee. George loved the Lodge's annual car show, serving as the chairman of that committee since the show began. He was also a member of the Magnolia Classic Car Club and Ingalls Avenue Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Sylvia Haines of Pascagoula, MS; two sons, Tracy Scott Haines (Molly) and Jason Bryant Haines (Melanie); step-children Richard Sudduth, Donna Michelle Dean and Shelby Nicole Humphreys; brothers, John Emery Haines (Linda) and Dennis Ray Haines (Becky); grandchildren Chase T. Dean, Samantha R. White, Abbie Dean, Lamare Haines, Lauren Haines, Ricky Sudduth, Gene Cossey, Allie Harris and Travis Harris; four great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## Charles Gerald "Jerry" Pace



**Initiated** January 6, 2000

**Died** April 17, 2024

Born in El Paso, Texas Charles Gerald (Jerry) Pace was an original cowboy riding, hunting, rodeoing, roping, and raising horses, cows, donkeys, cats, and dogs on his farm. He was a generous man who never met a stranger always lending a hand to help. He was a Jack-of-all-trades mastering many skills from paper routes, electrician then maintenance supervisor at Chevron Oil Refinery, building their house and farm in Grand Bay, Alabama, to designing and building used-oil recycling plants in the U.S. and Australia.

Jerry served his country in the Army SCARWAF. He served his community as a Master Mason 32-degree KCCH, an Elks member and leader, and a Shriner. Jerry and Mae made many close friends through church, work, square-dancing, farming, traveling, and benevolent organizations. They enjoyed laughing, dancing, eating, and having good times with family and friends. They loved to laugh, Jerry often laughed to tears remembering his many pranks and shenanigans.

He loved his children Jerry, David, and Susan, and children-in-love Tina and Miguel. He was so proud of his grandchildren Beau, Stefanie, Amelia, and Duncan, and grandchildren-in-love Lisa, Matt, and John and he adored his ten great-grandchildren, Amayah, Keiki-Lani, Mazie, Maggie, Makenzie, Marie, Madeline, Beau Jr., Scarlett, and Khatalina-Rose.

“ *The faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.* ”

## James Webb Steadman, Sr



**Initiated** April 7, 1974

**Died** April 25, 2024

James was a graduate of Hattiesburg High School, class of 1946, and pursued mechanical engineering at the Alabama Polytechnical Institution (Auburn University). A veteran of World War II, he served in the Navy aboard the USS Donna LSD 20. Following the war, his career began at Ingalls Shipyard in 1952, where he held various positions including Chief of Engineering Test & Trials and Vice President of Operations. Following his early retirement from Ingalls in the early 80s, he continued his career, serving as Vice President of Production at Bell Aero Space/Halter Marine and later representing Litton Industries in Canada. He is survived by his fiancé, Eleanor Robin Turnipseed Baran, and his children: James Webb Steadman, Jr., Harriet Leland Steadman Wiley, Charles Thomas Steadman, and Mary Virginia Steadman Dantone, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. James was involved in the Hickory Hills Country Club, American Legion, Elks, and served as commodore at the Singing River Yacht Club. He also dedicated time to The Boy Scouts as a troop leader. His faith was central to his life and was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Pascagoula and later Saint Pierre's Episcopal Church in Gautier, where he served on the Mission Committee and as chairman of the building committee. He was also a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. In addition to his professional and social commitments, James cherished his family, country, and moments of quiet reflection on his porch, watching the birds.

## Joe Lynn Rivers



**Initiated** October 30, 1975

**Died** May 16, 2024

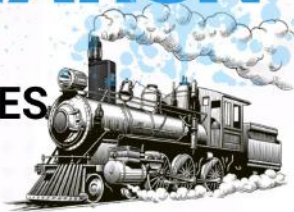
Joe passed away in Pascagoula, MS, at the age of 85. He dedicated 37 years of his life to Ingalls Shipbuilding, rising to the position of Subcontractor Administrator. His work ethic and commitment left a lasting impact on all who knew him. Joe graduated from Union High School and earned a bachelor's degree in business from Southern Mississippi in 1961. Described as practical and no-nonsense, Joe valued punctuality and efficiency. His famous saying, "the bus is leaving," encapsulated his approach to life – always focused and ready for the next adventure. Outside work, he found joy in exploring new restaurants, tending to his yard, and grilling meals for loved ones. A passionate supporter of the Mississippi State Bulldogs and the New Orleans Saints, Joe's enthusiasm for sports was infectious.

For over 50 years, Joe was a member of the Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120, where he served his community and formed lasting connections—one of his proudest accomplishments. He is survived by his beloved wife Carolyn Rivers, daughter Vicki Cheesman, son Dyrone Dearman, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and numerous relatives and friends. He is reunited in peace with his parents, daughter Angela Hansen, and brother Dwight Rivers.

Joe's legacy of warmth, work ethic, and dedication to family will be cherished by all who knew him. His love story with Carolyn remains an inspiration, a testament to a life lived with love and devotion.

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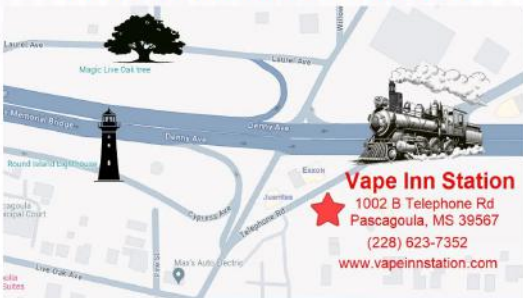
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JUNE - JULY 2024

# Welcome Home Kits Assist Newly Homed Veterans With Household Items

Hannah Rogers, Staff Writer

The Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 has partnered with the Veterans Administration and US Department of Housing and Urban Development to participate in "Homeless to Home Bound", a program that places homeless US Military Veterans into housing. The Lodge applied for and received a \$2,000 Spotlight Grant awarded by the Elks National Foundation to purchase Welcome Home Kits as starter packages to provide the program's participants with basic household necessities to make them comfortable in their new homes.

Lodge Veterans Committee Chairman Tony Olson said that the Pascagoula Lodge is one of several organizations that work with the program to offer assistance. "[the grant] was used to purchase items from our list such as pots and pans, knives sets, and etcetera," said Olson as he described the Elks' involvement. The Lodge purchased ten sets of each item on the list for which the organization was responsible, which included kitchen rugs, beside tables, tv trays and more.

Leslie Flynn, RN, Case Manager with the Veterans Administration Biloxi offices, explained that many participants in this program have very low incomes and that this donation, "goes a long way in fulfilling in the gaps in their needs. Flynn, along with Veterans Administration personnel Chip Lechner and Joe Devlin received the items from the Lodge on Tuesday, March 26, 2024.



L to R: Pictured L to R: Mississippi State Elks Association President Joe Parisi, Lodge 1120 Veterans Chairman Tony Olson, Lodge 1120 Exalted Ruler Curtis Welsh, Joe Devlin - Veterans Administration, Leslie Flynn - Veterans Administration, and Chip Lechner - Veterans Administration.

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The House Committee meets monthly on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 PM to discuss the needs and work involved in all areas of the Lodge and its properties. The House Committee also discusses upgrades, improvements, and other business pertinent to Lodge 1120. Anyone is welcome to attend. Guests are able to share their thoughts, but only House Committee members get to vote or make a motion at the meeting.

The Benevolent Order of Protective Elks is a nationwide volunteer organization. As an Elk member, you are sworn to uphold and support your Lodge. We strongly encourage members to be proactive in helping and supporting the House Committee achieve its maintenance, upgrade, and improvement goals for the year. A strong House aids in a healthy and growing Lodge. The more help we have, the less the House has to wait to improve the property and services for the benefit of our members, and ultimately, our community. The House Committee occasionally will hold a 'work day' to gather member effort and complete tasks effectively. Elks Lodge 1120 has one of the busiest and fresh Lodge calendars in the State of Mississippi, if not the entire nation. There's always somewhere to volunteer any free time available throughout the calendar year.

So, can you help us in any of the following areas?

### Grounds Maintenance

Cutting grass, weed pulling, weed trimming, gutter cleaning, flowerbeds, leaf and debris removal, repainting parking lines, repairing parking signs or the gate on the west side of the building.

We have plans for two major projects in the RV parking. We have selected new RV power pedestals to be installed, along

with new water spigots to accommodate the four parking slots. Each pedestal will have two 30amp and two 50amp outlets and water spigots. They can also be removed easily for storm preparation. These run about \$1600 per pedestal, and we are in need of donations for these items. If you wish to donate towards this, please see me.

Additionally, lighting in parking lot on the south side of Krebs Ave desperately needs improvement. Again, funding is an issue, and we want to raise \$3500 to provide at least two poles and lights. This will provide a safer and more secure parking area and to allow for outdoor night events in this areas well, such as Trunk or Treat.

### Interior and Exterior Building Maintenance

Painting, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, tile and flooring, doors, HVAC. The doors to our lounge and heritage hall could user automatic closers. The hanging ceiling tiles in the main hall need to be aligned and reset in spots.

### Event Management

Calendar, contracts, event monitoring, lodge event clean-up. We need help manning the beverage window during public events to restrict access to the Lounge to members only.

Here's what we are asking your help for to better the 1120:

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# Gardening Tricks and Tips for the Summertime in Mississippi

Hannah Rogers  
Staff Writer



Gardening in Mississippi during the summer can be both rewarding and challenging. The state's warm, humid climate and long growing season provide an excellent environment for a variety of plants. However, the intense heat and potential for dry spells require specific strategies to ensure a thriving garden. Here are some tips and tricks to help Mississippi gardeners make the most of their summer gardens.

## Choosing the Right Plants

- Heat-Tolerant Varieties:** Select plants that can withstand high temperatures and humidity. Native plants, such as coneflowers, black-eyed Susans, and coreopsis, are excellent choices. Vegetables like okra, sweet potatoes, and peppers also thrive in the heat.
- Drought-Resistant Species:** Incorporate drought-resistant plants like lantana, rosemary, and succulents. These plants require less water and can survive periods of low rainfall.
- Planting Times:** Plant heat-sensitive vegetables, such as tomatoes and cucumbers, in early spring to ensure they mature before the hottest months. Transition to heat-loving crops like eggplants and hot peppers as summer progresses.

### Coreopsis Tinctoria {Plains coreopsis}

is an annual herb that has been used in traditional medicine for centuries in North America, Europe, and Asia. It is used to



treat a variety of disorders, including: Diarrhea, internal pain, bleeding, sexual infection, dysentery, red-eye swelling, hypertension, palpitation, gastrointestinal discomfort, and loss of appetite.

### Echinacea {Echinacea purpurea}

Echinacea, commonly known as purple coneflower, is a vibrant perennial that thrives in Mississippi's summer heat. This plant is well-known for its immune-boosting properties. Native Americans traditionally used Echinacea to treat wounds and infections, and it continues to be popular in herbal medicine today.



The roots, flowers, and leaves can be used to make teas, tinctures, and capsules aimed at enhancing the immune system, reducing the severity of colds, and speeding up recovery from illnesses.

### Black-eyed Susan {Rudbeckia Hirta}



Has been used for medicinal purposes by native Americans for centuries. The roots are used to make tea that can treat colds, worms, sores, snake bites, and swelling. The juice from the roots

can treat ear aches. Other uses include:

- **Digestion:** The Menominee and Potawatomi people used it as a diuretic.
- **Heart issues:** Root teas can treat heart issues.
- **Immunity:** Some say the roots can boost immunity and fight colds, flu, and infections.

**Soil Preparation and Mulching**

1. **Soil Quality:** Mississippi soil can vary from sandy to clayey. Improve soil structure by adding organic matter such as compost or well-rotted manure. This enhances water retention and nutrient availability.
2. **Mulching:** Apply a thick layer of mulch around plants to conserve moisture, reduce soil temperature, and suppress weeds. Organic mulches, such as straw, pine needles, or shredded bark, are effective and decompose to enrich the soil over time.



3. **Weed Control:** Weeds compete for water and nutrients. Mulching helps, but regular weeding is essential. Consider using landscape fabric in garden beds to further reduce weed growth.

**Watering Techniques**

1. **Deep Watering:** Water deeply and less frequently to encourage deep root growth. This makes plants more resilient during dry spells. Aim for about 1-1.5 inches of water per week, delivered in a single session if possible.

2. **Morning Watering:**

Water early in the morning to reduce evaporation and allow plants to absorb moisture before the heat of the day. Avoid evening watering, which can promote fungal diseases due to prolonged leaf wetness.



3. **Irrigation Systems:** Drip irrigation or soaker hoses are efficient ways to deliver water directly to the root zone, minimizing evaporation and water runoff.

**Pest and Disease Management**

1. **Integrated Pest Management (IPM):** Use a combination of methods to control pests. Encourage beneficial insects like ladybugs and lacewings, and use organic pesticides as a last resort.

2. **Regular Monitoring:**

Inspect plants frequently for signs of pests or diseases. Early detection allows for more effective intervention.



3. **Healthy Plants:**

Healthy plants are less susceptible to pests and diseases. Ensure proper spacing for air circulation, adequate watering, and appropriate fertilization.

**Protecting Plants from Extreme Heat**

1. **Shade Cloth:** Use shade cloth to protect sensitive plants from the harshest afternoon sun. This can reduce leaf scorch and heat stress.
2. **Heat Reflective Mulch:** Consider using reflective mulches, such as aluminum-coated plastic, to reflect sunlight and keep soil temperatures cooler.
3. **Companion Planting:** Plant taller crops or sunflowers to provide natural shade for more delicate plants.

**Harvesting and Maintenance**

1. **Regular Harvesting:** Harvest vegetables and fruits regularly to encourage continued production. Overripe produce can attract pests and reduce overall yield.
2. **Pruning:** Prune plants to remove dead or diseased parts, which can harbor pests and diseases. Proper pruning also improves air circulation and sunlight penetration.



3. **Fertilization:**

Use a balanced fertilizer to provide essential nutrients throughout the growing season. Avoid excessive nitrogen, which can promote leafy growth at the expense of fruit production.

Gardening in Mississippi during the summer requires a combination of strategic planning and diligent maintenance. By selecting appropriate plants, preparing the soil, managing water efficiently, and protecting plants from extreme conditions, gardeners can enjoy a bountiful and beautiful garden despite the summer heat. Embrace the challenges and rewards of summer gardening and let your Mississippi garden flourish!

Send us pictures of your garden and flowers to [socialmedia@pacagoulaelks.org](mailto:socialmedia@pacagoulaelks.org). Be sure to tell us who you are, and what it is you have in the photograph.

# Unraveling the Tapestry of Flag Day: From Patriotic Observance to Legal Recognition

## David Chamberlain, Editor

Since its inception as a national holiday in 1916, Flag Day has held a significant place in American culture, serving as a testament to patriotism and national unity. Observed annually on June 14th, it commemorates the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States in 1777. However, the journey of Flag Day from a grassroots celebration to a federally recognized holiday is a tale woven with the threads of history, activism, and the enduring spirit of American identity.

### The Origins of the US Flag and the Betsy Ross Connection

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed a resolution defining the design of the national flag, featuring thirteen alternating red and white stripes representing the original thirteen colonies, and a blue field adorned with thirteen white stars forming a new constellation. This symbolic representation of unity amidst diversity became the cornerstone of American identity.

The story of the American flag's origins has been intertwined with the legend of Betsy Ross, a Philadelphia seamstress, for centuries. According to popular belief, Ross was commissioned by George Washington to create the first American flag, featuring thirteen stars and stripes representing the original colonies. However, historical evidence surrounding Ross's involvement in the flag's creation is sparse, and scholars have cast doubt on the veracity of the story. While Ross may have been a skilled seamstress who produced flags for the Revolutionary cause, there is no conclusive proof that she designed the first American flag.

Despite the uncertainty surrounding Betsy Ross's involvement, her name has become synonymous with the American flag, perpetuating a narrative that has endured for generations. Instead, the design of the American flag is commonly attributed to Francis Hopkinson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and a talented artist. Hopkinson's contributions to early American iconography, including the design of the Great Seal of the United States, suggest that he played a significant role in crafting the flag's symbolism. According to an interpretation attributed to George Washington, "We take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity, representing our liberty."



Bob Heft—Designer of current flag

Regardless of its origins, the American flag has evolved, with the arrangement of stars standardized in 1912 and subsequent adjustments made to reflect the addition of new states. The current 50 star design of the flag became official on July 4, 1960 – its design was the result of a high school American history project by Bob Heft, a junior at Lancaster High School, Lancaster, Ohio. Bob was awarded a grade of B for his efforts. His teacher later changed the grade to an A when the United States Congress adopted the design two years later.



Stony Hill School where flag day was first observed., officially.

### Early Observances

While the adoption of the flag was a pivotal moment in American history, formal observances of Flag Day did not emerge until much later. The first recorded celebration occurred in 1861 in Hartford, Connecticut, at the suggestion of George Morris, but it failed to gain widespread recognition. It wasn't until the late 1800s that schools across the nation began incorporating Flag Day into their curricula as a means of fostering patriotism among immigrant children.

One of the most notable proponents of Flag Day was Bernard J. Cigrand, a schoolteacher at Stony Hill School, in Waubesa, Wisconsin, often hailed as the "Father of Flag Day." Cigrand tirelessly advocated for the establishment of a national holiday to honor the flag, organizing events and delivering speeches across the country.

### Why Americans are Proudful of the Flag

The American flag holds a special place in the hearts of Americans, serving as a powerful symbol of the nation's history, ideals, and identity. The pride that Americans feel towards their flag is deeply rooted in the values it represents and the sacrifices made to defend them.

One reason for the strong sense of pride associated with the flag is its symbolism of unity and diversity. The flag's design, with its thirteen alternating red and white stripes representing the original colonies and a blue field adorned with fifty stars representing the states, embodies the idea of E pluribus unum—out of many, one. It serves as a visual reminder of the nation's rich diversity and the unity that binds Americans together despite their differences.

Moreover, the flag symbolizes the enduring principles of freedom, democracy, and equality upon which the United States was founded. For centuries, the flag has flown as a beacon of hope and inspiration, representing the aspirations of millions of people seeking a better life and a brighter future. From the American Revolution to the civil rights movement and beyond, the flag has been a rallying point for those fighting for justice and equality.

Americans also take pride in the flag as a symbol of national resilience and perseverance. Throughout history, the flag has weathered countless challenges and adversities, yet it has always emerged triumphant, serving as a source of strength and inspiration for the nation. Whether in times of war or peace, prosperity or adversity, the flag has remained a constant symbol of American resolve and determination.

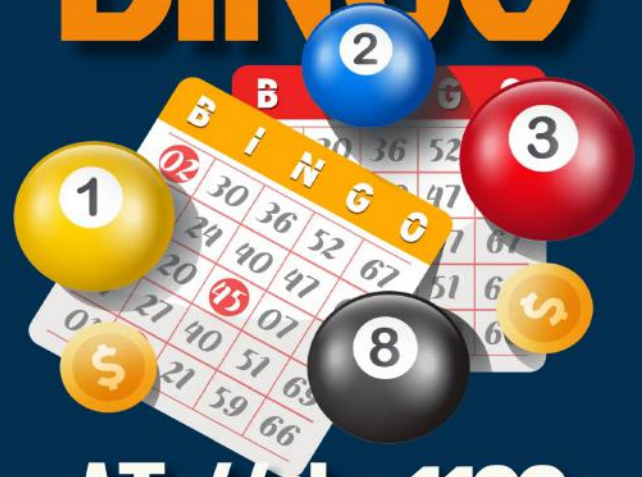
Furthermore, the flag holds a special significance for those who have served in the military and their families. For many veterans, the flag represents the sacrifices they made in defense of their country and the freedoms it stands for. Seeing the flag wave proudly evokes feelings of pride, honor, and camaraderie among those who have served under its banner.

In addition to its symbolic importance, the flag is also revered for its aesthetic beauty and iconic design. With its bold colors and

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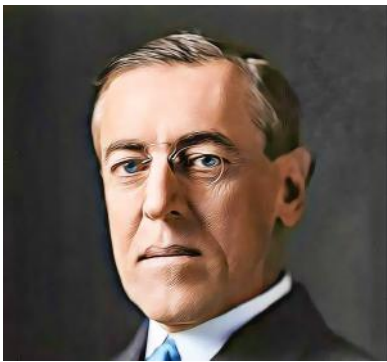


striking imagery, the flag commands attention and admiration wherever it is displayed. Whether flying high above the Capitol building or adorning the uniforms of American athletes at the Olympics, the flag captivates and inspires all who behold it.

Overall, the pride that Americans feel towards their flag reflects its deep significance as a symbol of the nation's identity, history, and values. From its origins in the struggle for independence to its enduring legacy as a beacon of freedom and hope, the flag continues to evoke feelings of pride, patriotism, and unity among all who call America home.

### Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks: A Stalwart Champion

The road to official recognition of Flag Day was long and arduous. Efforts by individuals like Cigrand, as well as organizations such as the American Flag Day Association and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE), played crucial roles in popularizing the holiday. Establishing its recognition of the flag in



1907, the BPOE designated June 14th as Flag Day, making it mandatory for all lodges to observe the occasion.

Woodrow Wilson, the 28th President of the United States, shared a notable association with the Elks as Wilson's presidency coincided with a period of

heightened national consciousness, particularly regarding symbols of American identity such as the flag. During Wilson's tenure, the BPOE played a significant role in advocating for the observance of Flag Day. As a staunch supporter of patriotism and national unity, Wilson was receptive to the Elks' efforts. His recognition of Flag Day in 1916 through a presidential proclamation was a testament to his alignment with the values espoused by the BPOE. He understood the importance of fostering a sense of pride and allegiance to national symbols, including the American flag.



Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President of the United States, also had a notable connection to Flag Day and the BPOE. Coolidge's presidency followed in the footsteps of Wilson's, and he continued to uphold the traditions and values associated with the American flag. In 1927, Coolidge issued a proclamation reaffirming June 14th as Flag Day, echoing Wilson's earlier recognition of the holiday. Like his predecessor, Coolidge understood the signifi-

cance of honoring the flag as a symbol of national pride and unity. Coolidge's association with the BPOE mirrored Wilson's, as both presidents recognized the organization's dedication to promoting patriotism and civic engagement. By aligning himself with the Elks' advocacy for Flag Day, Coolidge demonstrated his commitment to preserving American traditions and values.



However, it wasn't until 1949 that Congress passed legislation officially recognizing Flag Day as a national holiday, with President Harry Truman signing it into law. The Elks played a pivotal role in garnering presidential recognition for Flag Day, prompting President Woodrow Wilson to acknowledge their efforts. President Truman, himself a member of the Kansas City Elks Lodge 26, drew inspiration from his lodge, to proclaim Flag Day as a national observance.

### Laws Regarding the American Flag

The American flag holds a revered position in the United States, and as such, there are laws and regulations governing its use and display. These laws, though sometimes controversial, aim to uphold the respect and dignity befitting the nation's most cherished symbol.

One of the most well-known laws regarding the American flag is the United States Flag Code, first established in 1923 and later amended by Congress in 1942. The Flag Code outlines guidelines for the display, handling, and disposal of the





flag, intending to ensure its proper treatment and reverence.

According to the Flag Code, the flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset, unless properly illuminated at night. It should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously, and should never touch the ground or be used as a covering for a ceiling. Additionally, the flag should be treated with respect and dignity at all times and should never be used for advertising or commercial purposes.

In addition to the Flag Code, there are also laws prohibiting the desecration of the flag. These laws vary by state, with some states imposing fines or penalties for acts such as burning or defacing the flag. However, these laws have been the subject of controversy and legal challenges, with some arguing that they infringe upon First Amendment rights to free speech.

Despite the existence of laws governing the use and display of the flag, enforcement can be challenging, and violations are not uncommon. In recent years, incidents of flag desecration and disrespect have sparked outrage and debate, prompting calls for stricter enforcement of existing laws. While controversies surrounding these laws may persist, their intention remains clear: to safeguard the integrity of the flag and honor its role in American history and identity.

**Flag Day: A Symbol of Unity**

Flag Day serves as more than just a commemoration of the adoption of the American flag; it symbolizes the ideals of unity, freedom, and justice that define the nation. Through its observance, Americans reaffirm their allegiance to the principles enshrined in the flag and honor the sacrifices made to defend them.



From humble beginnings to nationwide recognition, Flag Day embodies the collective spirit of the American people—a testament to the enduring legacy of liberty and democracy. As the flag waves proudly across the nation, it serves as a reminder of the values that unite Americans from all walks of life.

Flag Day is not merely a date on the calendar; it is a celebration of American identity and the enduring legacy of freedom. From its humble origins to its status as a federally recognized holiday, Flag Day represents the resilience and unity of the American spir-



A beautiful display of our American flag at 5660 River Road in Pascagoula Just South of Jefferson Street.

it. As the flag flies high on June 14th, let us remember the sacrifices of those who came before us and reaffirm our commitment to the ideals that make America truly great.

The Pascagoula Elks Lodge will be celebrating Flag Day with the other Mississippi Gulf Coast Lodges this June 14th. The ceremony will be held at the Ocean Springs Elks Lodge 2501 located at 2501 Beachview St, Ocean Springs, MS 39564 at 1:00 PM. The ceremony is open to the public.

So what can you do to celebrate Flag Day? Buy an American Flag and hang it at your home. Get one online from the official BPOE flag vendor [Uncommon USA, Inc.](#) Remember to bring it in when it is raining, and if you are going to leave it out at night, be sure to light it up. You can get inexpensive solar spot-lights at Lowes or Walmart to provide illumination for your flag. Bring your flags to be retired to the Lodge, or to the American Legion for proper disposal.

Fly your flag with pride on June 14, take a pic of the flag at your home and tag the Lodge in your Facebook posts.



# Lodge Honors JROTC Cadets

The Pascagoula Lodge held its first ever JROTC Awards this year, honoring graduating senior cadets of the NJROTC programs at Gautier, Pascagoula, East Central and Moss Point High Schools. Senior Cadets are awarded a certificate, and Elks medal and service ribbon. JROTC Awards Committee Chairman Michael Urban CPO (USN RET) presented the awards at each of the high schools.

## East Central High School

*(Moss Point JROTC Program)*

C/LCDR Joslynn King - East Central High School

## Gautier High School

*(Lt Don Sanders, BMCS Stanley Weaver)*

C/CPO Abraham Swindle - Gautier High School

C/LCDR Jeremiah Jones - Gautier High School

C/LT Tobin Wright - Gautier High School

C/LTJG Angel Pabon - Gautier High School

C/LTJG Tykael Roberts - Gautier High School

C/LTJG Devant Williams - Gautier High School

C/MCPO Joseph Witte - Gautier High School

C/PO1 Jordan Willard - Gautier High School

C/PO2 Sincere Bonayog - Gautier High School

C/PO2 Trinity Gilliland - Gautier High School

C/PO3 Joy Mims - Gautier High School

C/SN David Gates - Gautier High School

C/SN Alyshia Mezano - Gautier High School

## Moss Point High School

*(LCDR Tara Lambert, AGC Corey Hudson)*

C/SN Excedrick McFadden - Moss Point High School

C/SN Ojeda Sanchez - Moss Point High School

C/SR Semaj McMillion - Moss Point High School

## Pascagoula High School

*(LCDR Carlos Fairley, CMDCM Gregory Goley)*

C/CMC Yosthing Maldonado - Pascagoula High School

C/ENS Kailyn Hyde - Pascagoula High School

C/ENS Edwin Pena - Pascagoula High School

C/ENS Ninoshka Rodriguez - Pascagoula High School

C/LCDR Kenairis Villanueva - Pascagoula High School

C/LT Dayanara Lopez - Pascagoula High School

C/LTJG Edwin Martinez - Pascagoula High School



# New Members Initiated on April 25, 2024



**Karen Ballinger**

Karen was proposed by Darla Holifield.



**Stephen Garrigan**

Stephen was proposed by David Chamberlain.



**Verlise Harrison**

Verlise was proposed by Rita Lampton.



**Kristi Morrisett**

Kristi was proposed by Cary Welsh.



**Lavee Sims**

Lavee was proposed by Debra Jo Tillman.



**Clare Stegall**

Clare was proposed by Exalted Ruler Curtis Welsh.



**Richard Stegall**

Richard was proposed by Exalted Ruler Curtis Welsh. Richard's grandfather is Past Exalted Ruler Carl Stegall (1980-1981)..

# Ladies Auxiliary



By Julie Eplin-Renfroe  
Ladies Auxiliary President



Hello from the Ladies Auxiliary of the Pascagoula Elks Lodge #1120. I hope that everyone is well and that your summer is starting off on the right foot. We are a couple of months into the new term and so far, things have gone smoothly with the transition of everything.

By the time that you are reading this Mother's Day and possibly Father's Day will have passed so I just want to say Happy Mother's Day and Happy Father's Day to everyone.

Also, we will either be getting ready to announce our Scholarship recipients or have just announced them. In the next issue I will be revealing how many scholarships were awarded. Being able to reward students with any kind of financial help to further their education just makes one feel good and we are very excited that we can do that.

The Fourth of July will be soon, and I hope that everyone has a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Ladies are planning a couple of pretty big things for

the coming months. We have a "Manless Beauty Pageant" in the works and more information on that will be told within the next several weeks.

We are also starting to prepare for our annual "Kids Christmas Party" which will be held in December. Again, this year, the wagons have already been donated to us. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row, Jason Darden and Ricky Eplin have donated the wagon for the boys and this year Mrs. Karin Burlison has donated the girl's wagon. I want to personally THANK all 3 of them for their generous donation. Now we just got to fill them up. Announcements will be made when tickets go on sale, and we will draw for the wagons at the Kids Christmas Party.

There are a few other plans and events that are in the works and as they get ironed out, we will be announcing these as well. I want to thank all the ladies that have stepped up and helped where needed and to the ones that have supported me and have given me guidance through this new journey. It feels like it's going to be a fun but wild ride, but I'm ready.



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*Based on 25 point system, extra points for visible*

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*Awards No Later Than 1:30pm*

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Turn right onto Krebs and Elk's is on the right.*

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*Follow directions above after turning onto Pascagoula Street.*



*Make Checks Payable to BPOE 1120*

*Mail the Show Registration to Elk's Car Show 2917 Ryder Avenue, Pascagoula, MS 39567*

# Lodge Installs 2024 Officers

David Chamberlain, Editor

On Saturday, March 30, 2024, the Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 and Ladies Auxiliary held their annual installation of officers and awards ceremony, marking the beginning of a new fraternal year. This time-honored tradition is a significant event in the life of our Lodge, as it formally introduces new leaders and recognizes the dedication and service of our members.

The installation ceremony is a vital part of our Lodge's continuity and growth. It symbolizes the transfer of responsibility and leadership, ensuring that our organization remains strong and vibrant. By formally installing new officers, we demonstrate our commitment to the principles of our Order and our dedication to serving our community.

Presenting awards to deserving members is a crucial aspect of our ceremony. These awards acknowledge the hard work, selflessness, and devotion of our brothers and sisters, who have gone above and beyond in their service to our Lodge and the community. By recognizing their achievements, we encourage and inspire others to follow in their footsteps, fostering a culture of excellence and compassion.

In a heartwarming moment, Lodge 1120 Past Exalted Ruler Ricky Eplin had the privilege of installing his daughter, Julie Eplin-Renfroe, as the incoming Ladies Auxiliary President. Ricky administered the oath of office to Julie, welcoming her to her new role. The Ladies Auxiliary also presented Tony Olsen as their Elk of the Year award.

The Gulf Coast Past Exalted Rulers Association ritual team installed the Lodge Officers, ensuring a seamless transition of leadership.

The ceremony also recognized outstanding members with prestigious awards:

- Joe Abston Award: Pam Beecher
- Paw Paw Price Award: Steve Overman
- Officer of the Year: Secretary Darla Holifield
- Elk of the Year: David Chamberlain

Congratulations to the newly installed officers and award recipients! The 2024-2025 Fraternal Year promises to be an exciting and rewarding one, filled with opportunities for growth, service, and camaraderie. Let us come together to make it a year to remember!

These ceremonies and awards reaffirm our commitment to the values of our Order: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity. We celebrate the accomplishments of our members and set the stage for another year of service, community engagement, and fraternal bonding.



## Ladies Auxiliary Installation

L to R: Installing Officer Past Exalted Ruler Ricky Eplin, Ladies Auxiliary President Julie Eplin-Renfroe, Vice-President April Cole, Recording Secretary Beth Nelson, Treasurer Mary Eplin, and Scholarship Trustee Sharon Freeman.



## Ladies Auxiliary's Elk of the Year

L to R: Ladies Auxiliary Recording Secretary Beth Nelson, Pascagoula Lodge Treasurer Tony Olson, Ladies Auxiliary Outgoing President Candy Scholar.

# Lodge Stars Shine Bright



## Gulf Coast PER Association

L to R: Ray Meyers—Ocean Springs 2501, Brian Gambony—Ocean Springs 2501, Marty Calhoun—Ocean Springs 2501, Jack Power—Ocean Springs 2501, Joe Parisi—Pascagoula 1120, Spence Rees—Ocean Springs 2501, Melissa Foster—Ocean Springs 2501, H.L. Roberson—Ocean Springs 2501, Terry Hudson—Gulfport 978, Ricky Eplin—Pascagoula 1120



## Officer of the Year

Darla Holifield is a four-year member of the Lodge and is in her second term as Secretary. She is the chair of the River Run and Christmas Basket Committees. No event goes without Darla's influence and assistance. She is always available for Lodge business and forever cheerful.

## Paw Paw Price Award

Steve Overman is a four-year member of the Lodge and is in his first term as Esquire. He is the Duck Race Wrangler, and a member of the House Committee. Whatever event is occurring, you will find Steve volunteering.



## 2024-2025 Lodge Officers

L to R: Dan Holifield—Inner Guard, Darla Holifield—Secretary, Tony Olson—Treasurer, Becky Turner—Loyal Knight, Sherwood Beckham—5 Year Trustee, Curtis Welsh—Exalted Ruler, Dobbs Dennis—Chaplain, Harold Tillman—Lecturing Knight, Steve Overman—Esquire, Jason Darden—Leading Knight.



## Joe Abston Award

Pamela Sullivan Beecher is a four-year member of the Lodge having been a previous Ladies Auxiliary member for nearly forty years. She is the operating manager of the Lodge's weekly bingo and can be found most Fridays taking orders for Steak Night.

## Elk of the Year

David Chamberlain is a nine-year member of the Lodge. He is currently the State Public Relations Chair as well as the Lodge Communications Committee Chair. He is enthusiastic about helping with Hoop Shoot, Soccer Shoot, Student of the Month and the acting as the lodge's new, digital magazine's editor.



# Revolutionizing Agriculture



## Unveiling the Science Behind Aquaponics and Hydroponics

**Roy Wilson,**  
Staff Writer



Roy holds a Master's of Nuclear Engineering and has more than thirty five years in experience in the design, construction, operation of nuclear power facilities, and nuclear emergency regulation and response.

I was first exposed to hydroponics when the family and I took a trip to Disney World. After the usual vacation activities and the family was resting at the hotel, I decided to look for something a little different than rides and restaurants. It turned out Disney offered a behind-the-scenes tour of their hydroponics facility. The tour was amazing. I was hooked on the science behind growing food this way. When we returned home, I started researching hydroponics and how to build a system for myself. It turned out to be easy to build a unit, But the hard part turned out to be in the selection of the proper plants. More on that later. During my research I stumbled into a process called Aquaponics. Which is the process of combining growing vegetables and raising fish together. The following is a summary of my research.



Disney's Hydroponics Tour—Courtesy of [Farm Flavor](#)

In the ever-evolving landscape of agriculture, two innovative methodologies have emerged as frontrunners in sustainable farming practices: aquaponics and hydroponics. These systems represent a departure from traditional soil-based agriculture, offering a glimpse into the future of food production. But what exactly is the science behind these methods, and how do they work?

### Understanding Hydroponics:

Hydroponics, derived from the Greek words "hydro" (water) and "ponos" (labor), is a method of growing plants without soil. Instead, plants are grown in a nutrient-rich water solution, either directly exposing the roots to the solution or using a variety of inert mediums such as perlite. This method offers precise control over factors such as nutrient concentration, pH levels, and environmental conditions, optimizing plant growth and yield.

### The Science at Work:

**Nutrient Absorption:** In hydroponic systems, plants absorb nutrients through their roots via a process called osmosis. This process relies on the movement of water and dissolved nutrients across semi-permeable membranes within the plant roots. By carefully managing nutrient solutions, growers can ensure plants receive the ideal balance of nutrients essential for healthy growth.

**Oxygenation:** Roots require oxygen to function efficiently, facilitating nutrient uptake and supporting overall plant health. Hydroponic systems incorporate techniques such as oxygenation through air pumps or aerated nutrient solutions, ensuring roots remain oxygenated even in water-based environments.

**pH Regulation:** Maintaining the appropriate pH level is crucial for nutrient availability and uptake. Hydroponic systems enable precise pH control, allowing growers to adjust acidity or alkalinity to suit specific plant requirements. This fine-tuning ensures optimal nutrient absorption and prevents nutrient deficiencies or toxicities.

**Water Conservation:** Hydroponic systems typically use significantly less water compared to traditional soil-based farming. By recirculating nutrient solutions and minimizing water wastage, hydroponics offers a sustainable alternative for regions facing water scarcity or drought conditions.



## Advantages of Hydroponics:

**Year-Round Cultivation:** Hydroponic systems can operate indoors or in controlled environments, allowing year-round cultivation regardless of external climate conditions. This flexibility enables consistent crop production and reduces dependence on seasonal variations.

**Space Efficiency:** With hydroponics, plants can be grown vertically or in compact arrangements, maximizing space utilization. This efficiency is particularly beneficial in urban areas or regions where arable land is limited.

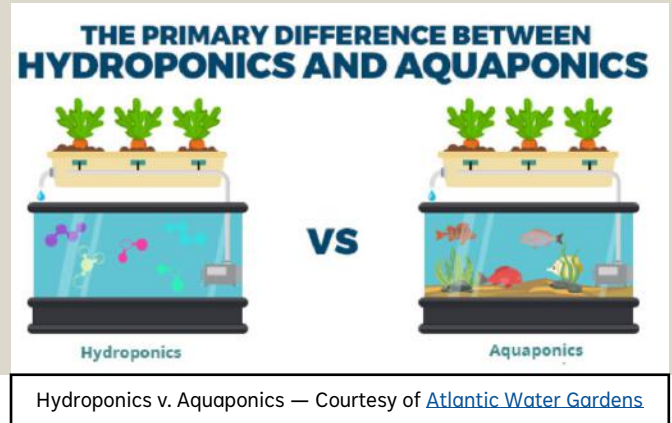
**Enhanced Crop Quality:** By providing precise control over growing conditions, hydroponics can result in higher-quality produce with improved taste, texture, and nutritional value. This level of control minimizes exposure to pests, diseases, and environmental contaminants, ensuring healthier crops.

**Resource Efficiency:** Hydroponic systems use fewer resources such as water, fertilizers, and pesticides compared to conventional farming methods. This resource efficiency reduces environmental impact and promotes sustainable agricultural practices.

the water for fish, resulting in minimal waste and water conservation. Additionally, aquaponics eliminates the need for synthetic fertilizers and promotes organic farming practices.

## Comparing the Two Systems

While hydroponics and aquaponics share similarities in their soilless cultivation methods, they differ primarily in the nutrient source. Hydroponics relies on synthetic nutrient solutions, carefully formulated to meet plant requirements, whereas aquaponics utilizes organic nutrients derived from fish waste.



## Aquaponics: Symbiosis in Action

Aquaponics takes the principles of hydroponics a step further by integrating aquaculture into the system. In aquaponic systems, plants and aquatic animals coexist in a symbiotic relationship, where fish waste serves as a nutrient source for plant growth, and plants help purify the water for the fish.

The science behind aquaponics lies in the nitrogen cycle, a natural process that converts ammonia, produced by fish waste and decaying organic matter, into nitrites and then nitrates, which are essential nutrients for plants. Beneficial bacteria present in the system facilitate these conversions, creating a self-sustaining ecosystem where plants thrive on the nutrients generated by fish metabolism.

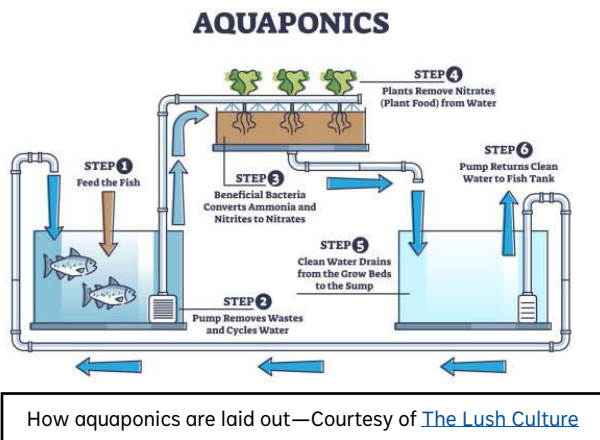
Both systems offer significant advantages over traditional agriculture, including higher yields, faster growth rates, and reduced environmental impact. However, each has its unique considerations and challenges. Hydroponic systems require precise nutrient management and regular monitoring of pH and nutrient levels, while aquaponics necessitates balancing the needs of both plants and fish to maintain a healthy ecosystem.

## Pioneering Sustainable Agriculture

Aquaponics and hydroponics represent groundbreaking approaches to sustainable agriculture, leveraging scientific principles to redefine how we grow food. By minimizing resource consumption, reducing waste, and optimizing growing conditions, these systems offer a glimpse into a more resilient and efficient food production system for the future. As we continue to confront global challenges such as climate change and food insecurity, embracing innovative solutions like aquaponics and hydroponics will be vital in building a more sustainable and resilient food system for generations to come.

## Building a Hydroponic System

I found commercial made hydroponic systems to be extremely expensive and outside what I wanted to pay to get into the practice. So, Mr. Google and Mr. YouTube became very good friends. It turns out building a unit to house the plants was easy. I used 10-foot sections of 4-inch PVC sewer pipe (new of course) reducers, 1½ inch 90-degree fittings and 1½ inch pipe. The length of the pipes and space between them are



By harnessing this natural symbiosis, aquaponic systems offer several advantages. They utilize resources efficiently, with fish providing nutrients for plants, and plants filtering

dependent on what you want to plant and how far you want to bend and reach.



[Watch a video on how to build your own PVC greenhouse.](#)

Using scrap material, I built a rack on a 45-degree angle and attached the PVC pipes. I used Dixie cups as my plant receptacles, drilling holes in the sewer pipes so that the bottom of the Dixie cup stopped in the center of the pipe.

The Dixie cups had to be modified to function as the plant receptacle. I used a small soldering iron to put holes in the bottom ¼ of the cup. This allowed the water to reach the roots of the plants.

I used a 30-gallon tote to hold the water for this system and built a wooden structure to support the sides of the tote. It was too weak to support the weight (250 pounds) of water. To get the water to the plants I ran pipe from a submersible fountain pump to a valve (throttle valve) to the top pipe. At the opposite end of the lower pipe, I ran a pipe back to the tote. Creating a closed loop system.



Photo courtesy of Roy Wilson: Ray's design he continues to use.

There are several types of units for hydroponics. For this system I used old rain gutters to channel the water around to the plants. You must connect them, so the water is shared between the gutters and the unit must be at an angle to facilitate water flow. Here I used an old ice chest and hoses to store and route the water. You may also notice the red plastic tray. I had the plants just sitting in the water.



Photo courtesy of Roy Wilson: Ray's closed loop system.

To get the plants to function in the cups you will need a filling material. You can always buy hydroponic fill material, but you may have noticed I am cheap. I used small rocks I picked up at a local creek, washed then in weak bleach solution to kill any fungus or bacteria. This reduces the risk of diseases for the plants.

The plants you put in the cups must have roots established. I started my plants using a 96-cell seed started tray. Once the plants had 2 – 3 leaves I transplanted them to Dixie cups. You fill the cup approximately ¾ full of rocks, remove the plants from the tray keeping the soil with the roots. Place the plant in the center of the cup and use the rocks and soil to support the plant upright. Place the cups in the hydroponic unit. Watch them for the next few days, it takes time for the water to saturate the rocks and the roots to reach the saturated rocks.

Now it's time to get the water ready. Add your water-soluble nutrients to the water, mixing to dissolve. Turn your water on with the throttling valve fully open. Make sure the water is returning to your water source. For three weeks have the water level at ¾ full in the sewer pipes. After the plants have established themselves, you can reduce flow to the height of the holes you put in the Dixie Cups. Just adjust the valve to do this.



As the plants mature you can lower the water flow because the roots will go through the holes in the cups and rest on the bottom of the sewer pipes.

## Aquaponics System

After the Hydroponic system is created, it is time to incorporate an Aquaponics System. Mark out an area approximately 6-foot x 6-foot for the fish storage tank. I used a 275 gallons food safe IBC tote for my fish tank. Understand, the completed system will weigh approximately 2500 pounds, so you need sufficient support for this if it is not on the ground.

I used a Hydroponic/Aquarium Pond pump to supply wastewater from the fish tank to the mechanical filter and the bio filter then to the supply tank for the plants. The fish create waste material that holds ammonia. Bacteria then break down the ammonia firstly into nitrites and then into nitrates, which the plants use as food. I used a 55-gallon plastic barrel to create a swirl filter for the mechanical filter. It is not hard to build but takes several steps. YouTube has detailed videos on how to build one.



Example of mechanical filter—[Nelson Pada](#).

I used a 5-gallon bucket to build a Bio filter, connecting pipes at the top and bottom of the bucket. To create a large surface area I filled the bucket with Scotch Brite material. The beneficial bacteria thrive on the large surface area and easily converted ammonia into nitrites and then into nitrates or nutrients for plants to use.

## Lessons Learned

Research your plants. Different plants require different pH levels, and different nutrients needs. You can build multiple smaller units that operate independently in order to maintain different pH levels for the plant varieties in each. Knowing what you are going to grow and making sure they are compatible within the same hydroponic unit is important for success.

Remember, the height/size of the plant. Large plants have large root balls. I had to remove a butternut squash plant because the root ball blocked water flow. You also don't want to grow tomatoes or okra that will grown very large in Dixie Cup. Too, space between levels of the unit may need to be considered if using a stacked rack such as mine. You will want to modify the growing vessel to accommodate those larger root balls or taller plants, or create a more horizontal layout.

For Aquaponics system, make sure the fish used in your tank are acceptable for your area. Most areas will not allow nonnative species of fish in your system. The concern is introducing a species of fish with no predator into your local watershed if there is a flood, or accidental release of your system. So, be sure to check with your local planning department for more information. The local Mississippi State University Extension Office may also be able to assist with what species can be used, and where to obtain them.

Having the greenhouse allows for year round growing conditions with either Hydroponics or Aquaponics. Make sure to watch temperatures in the winter if you have an aquaponic system—plants are not always hardy to low temperatures or freezing if the greenhouse alone doesn't maintain enough heat—and your fish may also freeze to death. Also, make sure you consider the fish in an aquaponics system if you stop growing plants. This may be the time to also harvest the fish and have a nice baked fish with a lemon and white wine sauce, and rice pilaf.

I love my aquaponics system. We had fresh vegetables nearly all year round, though I am having to rebuild following a hail storm that destroyed my greenhouse and caused damage to my units. Also, there's this little issue with previously having a non-native fish species that I am working out. A friend of mine uses wild caught bass in his system, so maybe a fishing trip is in order soon.

## Where to Find Additional Information

[The Spruce](#)— A DIY website offering practical, real-life tips and inspiration to help you make your best home. From decorating and gardening advice, to entertaining and home repair how-tos, The Spruce can show you how.

[YouTube](#)— You've used YouTube to learn how to fix your dryer or how to change the alternator on your car. Use it to learn how to build a greenhouse, a hydroponics rack, or an aquaponics biofilter.

[Grower's Supply](#) — Online retailer offering hydroponic growing systems, hydroponics kits, aeroponic systems, hydroponic gardening equipment, hydroponic air diffuser and grow lights.

[Hydroponics For Beginners](#)—A Facebook group dedicated to all things hydroponics. With more than 680,000 members, you are sure to find the info for which you are looking.



# Brickyard Bayou Broodings

By John Richards,  
Staff Writer



Every day, I wake amazed that I am being blessed with the joy of experiencing the beauty and wonders of this exciting endeavor we know as life. The Chickadees, Wrens, Sparrows, and even the Goshawks, all sing praise to the Lord they know nothing of, who has given us all this new day of celebration. Let us all, as these beautiful creatures do, follow the simple instructions and examples of the world around us. The simple justice they employ using their instinctual morality, ensures the continuance of their journey. We should strive to be just as in tune with our natural world.

As Brothers and Sisters, we look after each other in all endeavors we jointly undertake. This is especially true for Elks. As explained in the last issue, Brotherly love instructs us to write the faults of our brothers/sisters in the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of time and memory. This concept should be ingrained in our being so that we need give it no thought, it is just how we are. Ensuring we stay true to that, we need to have a morality that exemplifies this, a sense of guiding justice that keeps our path illuminated. Our second cornerstone gives us this guidance.

Justice is a broad concept and, in practice, has many interpretations and applications. For us, as Elks, it is summed up in a single statement, Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. The Holy Bible is our guiding document for it gives us many examples and much insight in how to properly

administer Justice which is tempered by Brotherly Love. The Bible reminds us, as it is apparent in all its parables, that the laws we choose for ourselves are not hammered in stone, but, rather, are basic guidelines to be tempered with thought and love. On one hand, brotherly love makes us want to forgive transgressions always, yet brotherly love also requires that the justice we dole out be fair to all and in the best interest of all parties in the long term. We must strive, always, to keep these cornerstones of our order in mind, and use them in all our doings. In keeping this practice, we become better Elks, as well as becoming an example to all others we deal with in how to live freer and happier.

These first two pillars set the beginning of our house's foundation, forming the first two corners, and setting the entry-way in to the world of Elkdom. These are our foremost and most visible standards, and also gives everyone an indication of what we, as Elks, stand for. It should also be that which is prevalent in those we choose to invite into our order. Being only the most visible pillars, the remaining pillars give us our strength and bind us into something which is greater than we as individuals could aspire to.

As I close, I want to send you all the best wishes from my heart. May each day find you happier than the day before and closer to the heart of Elkdom as you grow in and practice our ideals.

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# Elks Pontoon Flotilla Provides Experience for Those Attending River Jamboree

The Elks Pontoon Flotilla offered boating safety presentations and rides at the Moss Point River Jamboree on Saturday, May 2, 2024. The crews of Dobbs Dennis and Jackie Woodbury, Wane and Beverly Dennis, and Glen Slater provided rides to more than 350 during the event. Families were given a short ride along the Escatawpa River—a unique experience for some who have never been on a boat. We can't wait until next year to do it all again!



# Awards Recognize Public Safety Workers

David Chamberlain, Editor

In a ceremony preceding its regular business meeting on Thursday, April 4, Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 paid tribute to individuals who exemplify the dedication and service integral to maintaining public safety in our community.

Among the honorees was Jackson County Sheriff's Deputy Jennifer Bobo, recognized for her nine years of service as a corrections officer. Deputy Bobo's commitment to ensuring order within correctional facilities highlights the vital role of law enforcement in our community.

Dispatcher Jasmine Williams of the Gautier Police Department was also commended for her role as a crucial link between the community and emergency services. Her calm and efficient response during emergencies underscores the importance of telecommunications officers in coordinating assistance for those in need.

Representing the Huntington-Ingalls Fire Department,



Chief Mike May and Ben Howard were recognized for their bravery and readiness to confront danger. Their dedication to protecting lives and property within our community is a testament to the selflessness of our local firefighters.

The awards ceremony served as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our public safety personnel each day. Their unwavering commitment ensures the safety and well-being of our community, and we are proud to honor their service.



**Mike May & Ben Howard**  
Huntington-Ingalls Fire Dept

Chief May and Ben Howard represented the Huntington Ingalls Fire Department which received the recognition as a whole. The department is responsible for the day to day fire safety of Ingalls Shipbuilding as well as acting as the primary medical and rescue response within the facility.

The department staffs five firefighter/EMTs around the clock for a facility that employs more than 10,000 personnel—a literal city within the City of Pascagoula. Additionally, the department is responsible for equipping and maintaining certification of firefighting hose on all vessels at the shipyard as well as coordinating training and response plans with the Navy.



**Jennifer Bobo**  
Jackson County Sheriff Dept

Jennifer is a nine year officer with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, having worked at the Adult Detention Center throughout her career. She graduated the Mississippi Correctional Officers' Academy in 2015 and was promoted to Lead Correctional Deputy in 2020.

Jennifer graduated from Oneida Baptist Institute in Oneids, KY. She is the proud mother of Zachary Torries and Tatiana Bobo. She loves spending time with her children and husband Jeremey, also a Jackson County Sheriff's Deputy. In what spare time she has, she also plays World of Warcraft.



**Jasmine Williams**  
Gautier Police Dept

Jasmine has been a telecommunications officer with the Gautier Police Department for three years. She has certifications in handling officer involved shootings and critical incidents, as well as Mississippi Justice Information Center and Mississippi Bureau of Investigations Criminal Info Center, and much more training to prepare her for duty.

Jasmine is the daughter of James and Mary Holloway and attended Gautier High School. Her hobbies include fishing, camping, shooting, baking and having fun with her family. Jasmine also teaches softball skills in her spare time.

# Diana Dixon awarded Elk of the Quarter Q4

Jason Darden, Esteemed Leading Knight

Pascagoula Elks Lodge #1120 celebrates the contributions of its members who have gone above and beyond in their service. This quarter, we shine a spotlight on Diana Dixon, whose tireless efforts have enhanced the comfort of our lodge.

Diana, a member of our lodge for four years, has spearheaded numerous initiatives that have benefited both our members and the wider community. Her most recent project, the complete replacement of all chairs in the lodge, showcases her efforts.

The Elk of the Quarter award is not just a title; it's a recognition of an individual's impact on our lodge. Diana Dixon embodies the quality of volunteer service. Her actions inspire us to strive for excellence in our own commitments to the lodge and the community.

Congratulations again to Diana Dixon, and thank you for your exceptional service!



L to R: Esteemed Loyal Knight Jason Darden presents Diana Dixon with her Elk of the Quarter award for Quarter 4—Fraternal Year 2023-2024



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# Succulent Pork Tenderloin

By Becky Turner, Esteemed Loyal Knight

This is a quick and easy weeknight meal/ I use the leftovers for lunch the next day, make jambalaya, or pork and gravy with rice. It's such a versatile ingredient, and I love all of the things I can do with it.



## Ingredients:

- 3 pounds Pork Tenderloin
- Garlic powder
- Onion powder
- Cumin
- Black pepper
- Salt
- Olive oil

## Equipment:

Cast iron skillet

## Instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 400°F (200°C).
2. Season the pork tenderloin generously with garlic powder, onion powder, cumin, black pepper, and salt.
3. Heat olive oil in a cast iron skillet over medium-high heat until hot.
4. Carefully place the seasoned pork tenderloin in the hot skillet and rotate it as needed to brown all sides evenly.
5. Transfer the skillet with the tenderloin into the preheated oven.
6. Roast for approximately 30 minutes or until the internal temperature reaches 160°F (71°C). Adjust the cooking time according to your preferred level of doneness.

## Notes

- Prep time: 10 minutes
- Cook time: Approximately 30 minutes



## Submit Your Recipe for Our Cookbook Fundraiser

The Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 is writing a cookbook that will be available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). But, we need your help. We can't put a cookbook together without recipes.

You've always wanted to be a spy! Steal your grandmother's cookbook when she isn't looking. Play like you are 007 James Bond and take a bunch of pics of those pages! It doesn't matter how you get it, so long as you send it to us.

We have made it easy to submit your recipes. You can submit recipes through the MyElks App, [pascagoulaelks.org](https://pascagoulaelks.org) or submit our easy and convenient online [recipe form](#).

Don't want to type it in? Scan it in or take a picture of it with your cell phone and email it to [socialmedia@pascagoulaelks.org](mailto:socialmedia@pascagoulaelks.org). We'll get it to where it needs to go! Help us finish the cookbook. For more information, please contact Becky Hill Turner at [boo66\\_2001@yahoo.com](mailto:boo66_2001@yahoo.com).



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# Student of the Year Banquet

The Lodge's 2024 Student of the Year Banquet held on Saturday, May 18, 2024, was more than just a celebration of academic achievement. It served as a platform for inspiration, reflection, and encouragement for the eighty-one attendees fortunate enough to gather on that memorable evening.

Among the distinguished speakers was CDR Rebecca Macus, USN SUPSHIP Gulf Coast, whose engaging talk centered on the theme of navigating life's unexpected forks in the road. Drawing from her own remarkable journey, CDR Macus emphasized the importance of resilience, adaptability, and seizing opportunities when faced with pivotal decisions.

As she shared her personal narrative, CDR Macus revealed how her path diverged significantly from her initial expectations upon graduating from high school and college. Despite encountering unforeseen challenges and detours, she found fulfillment and success in her career within the Navy, alongside the joys of love and family. Her story resonated deeply with the audience, serving as a poignant reminder that life's greatest adventures often unfold along the roads less traveled.

In her address, CDR Macus implored the students in attendance to embrace uncertainty and to approach each crossroad with optimism and courage. Rather than being disheartened by deviations from their original plans, she encouraged them

to view these deviations as opportunities for growth, discovery, and new beginnings.

The banquet was not only a feast for the mind but also for the palate, as guests were treated to a delectable meal meticulously prepared and served by dedicated Lodge volunteers. The Student of the Month committee extended their heartfelt appreciation to these volunteers for their invaluable contributions.

A particularly special moment of the evening was the belated recognition of three students who, due to unforeseen circumstances, were unable to attend their monthly presentation dates. Each deserving student was honored with a plaque, symbolizing their outstanding achievements.

However, the pinnacle of the event was the crowning moment when Gautier High School student, Jada Olivia Johnson, was announced as the recipient of the prestigious Student of the Year award. Jada's exceptional academic performance, leadership qualities, and commitment to service set her apart as a shining example of excellence and determination.

As the banquet drew to a close, attendees departed with hearts full of inspiration and minds brimming with possibility. The 2024 Student of the Year Banquet had not only celebrated

past accomplishments but had also ignited a flame of hope and ambition for the future. And for Jada Olivia Johnson, the journey had only just begun.

Read more about Jada's remarkable story later in this issue.



CDR Rebecca Macus, USN SUPSHIP Gulf Coast encouraging the guests to take the forks in the road and see where they lead.





**Claudia Dubose**

Moss Point High School



Claudia is the daughter of Pamela & Timothy Dubose. She was awarded Student of the Month for November 2023. She will attend MGCCC to become a paediatric registered nurse.



**Brea Burris**

Gautier High School



Brea is the daughter of Katharine & Brandon Burris. She was awarded Student of the Month for November 2023. She will attend the University of South Alabama to become a travel registered nurse.



**Meia Durden**

Moss Point High School



Meia is the daughter of Shekeila Roberson and Merdrian Durden. She was awarded Student of the Month for September 2023.

**Jada Olivia Johnson**  
Gautier High School  
2024 Student of the Year



# 2024 Pascagoula Elks Lodge 1120 Student of the Year

*By Amanda Brown, Proud Mama*

In the early hours of April 1, 2005, Jada Olivia Johnson made her grand entrance into the world, playfully fooling her mother into thinking she'd arrive ten days later. From her very first steps on her tippy toes, it was clear to everyone around her that Jada was born to lead, to dazzle, and to inspire. Known affectionately as "Tippy J," she exuded a joyous vibrancy and a precociousness that hinted at the extraordinary path her life would take.

Jada, the eldest of four siblings, is the daughter of Calvin and Amanda Brown and her biological father, William Brown. Her childhood was steeped in the strong values and unwavering faith of her family. Growing up in Columbia, Mississippi, Jada was surrounded by the spiritual guidance of her grandfathers, both pastors and deacons, and her grandmothers and great-grandmothers, who were also preachers. This rich spiritual heritage profoundly influenced her, instilling in her a deep sense of purpose and a commitment to service.

From an early age, Jada was an active participant in church activities. She attended Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and was a youth leader on the Praise Dance Team at New Life Fellowship Church, Greater East Lampton, and Owens Chapel Church in Columbia, Mississippi. Her in-



volvement in these communities not only nurtured her faith but also honed her leadership skills and her ability to connect with others.

Jada's academic journey began at Columbia Primary School, where she quickly distinguished herself. She garnered numerous accolades, including Perfect Attendance Awards, Reading Awards, Student of the Week Awards, and the Superintendent Award. Her love for performance and competition emerged early; at the age of five, she entered the SUNBRUST PAGEANT, confidently telling her grandmother, "Grandma, that trophy is waiting for me!" Her prediction proved accurate, and she was crowned Miss Merry Christmas 2010.

In August 2014, Jada's charisma and poise were recognized on a national stage when she was selected as the flower girl for the christening of the U.S. Coast Guard's James (WMSL 754) at Ingalls Shipyard. Vice Admiral Peter Neffenger presented her with a special gift, a cherished memento of her early brush with national recognition.

Jada Olivia Johnson

As Jada progressed to Columbia Elementary School, she continued to shine academically and socially. She was involved in the choir, ran for Student Body President, and remained a high-achieving student. Outside of school, she pursued a range of activities including ballet, cheer camps, gymnastics, and soccer, which became her favorite sport. Summers were spent at the Summer Academy for Children, an initiative inspired by her and sponsored by Reign in Life Ministries. As she grew older, she transitioned from participant to volunteer, helping younger children with their education.

She was accepted into Barbizon School, where she attended classes, learning the skills of modeling, acting, and how to showcase her talent with confidence. She was called a triple threat and was the “runner -up” in one of their biggest competitions on The Passport to Discovery.

In 2017, Jada’s family moved to Gautier, Mississippi. The transition was challenging, but Jada’s resilience and determination shone through. At Singing River Academy, she excelled academically, joined the band as a saxophonist, and participated in dance and martial arts. Her involvement with the youth at Center Pointe Church and her achievements in band and choir underscored her adaptability and drive.

Jada’s high school years at Gautier High School were a testament to her multifaceted talents and dedication. She was a vibrant presence in the Choir, Color Guard, Cheerleading team, Dance, Theatre, and Band. Remark-

ably, she was the first student to participate in Color Guard, Band, and Dance simultaneously during football season, a feat that highlighted her exceptional time management and commitment. Her academic achievements were equally impressive; she maintained a spot on the Principal and Honor Roll Lists and was an active member of the Student Council, Key Club, National Honor Society, and the City of Gautier Mayor’s Youth Council, where she served as secretary. She attends First Baptist Church Gautier on Wednesday nights, adding to her already full schedule, always having enough time for God.

Despite facing bullying and other challenges, Jada’s unyielding spirit and the support of her family and faith helped her overcome these obstacles. She graduated in the top 20% of her class with High Honors, boasting a 3.78 GPA. Her community service contributions exceeded 500 hours, reflecting her dedication to making a positive impact.

Jada’s journey is set to continue at Pearl River Community College, where she will pursue a band scholarship and major in Pre-Law Studies. Her ambition to become a judge is driven by a desire to serve justice and inspire others. Jada’s life motto—God, family, and career—encapsulates her priorities and her mission to spread love and inspire through her actions.

In every step, Jada Olivia Johnson exemplifies the qualities of a true leader: resilience, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to her values. Her story is not just one of personal triumph but of a young woman poised to make a lasting impact on the world around her.



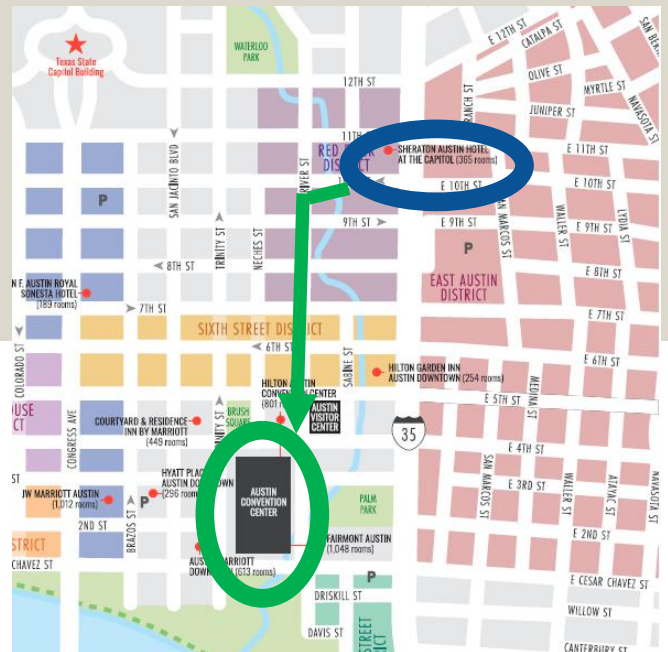


## Mississippi Housing

The Mississippi State Elks Association has been assigned to the [Sheraton Austin at the Capitol](#) for the 2024 Grand Lodge Convention. The Mississippi Hospitality Suite will be in this hotel. Rooms for Mississippi Lodge members should be coordinated through the Mississippi State Elks Association Secretary.

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## 159th Grand Lodge Convention Austin Convention Center June 30-July 3, 2024



## Shuttle Service

The Sheraton Austin at the Capitol will be on the Orange Shuttle Route. Be sure to pay attention to the scheduled times for the shuttle service.

### Saturday, June 29

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Service Every 30 Minutes\*

### Sunday, June 30

8:00 AM - Close of Ceremony Every 15-20 Minutes

### Monday, July 1

7:00 AM - 1:00 PM Every 15-20 Minutes

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Service Every 30 Minutes\*

### Tuesday, July 2

7:00 AM - 1:00 PM Every 15-20 Minutes

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Service Every 30 Minutes\*

### Wednesday, July 3

7:00 AM - Close of Session Every 15-20 Minutes

Download a [copy of the schedule](#) to take with you.

## Registration and Schedule of Events

You are encouraged to [Pre-register online](#) at [Elks.org](http://Elks.org) for \$50 per attendee. If members are married, each member should register separately. Payments are made via PayPal. In person registration will be available at the convention throughout the convention.

For a schedule of events, you can visit [Elks.org](http://Elks.org) or download a copy here.



## From the Lodge Chaplain

By Dobbs Dennis  
Lodge Chaplain

When the social group, the Jolly Corks, was formed, it was formed as a social club to circumvent New York's "Blue Laws". After a member of their little group died unexpectedly leaving the family in a dire straight, Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian decided it was time to change the direction and become more charitable and help others. His father was a member of the clergy in the Church of England (or Established Church) so Charles was familiar with the concept of Christian Charity. This leads us to understand why charity is one of the foundational pillars of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

Acts 20:35 (NKJV)

35 *"I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks was chartered and established on February 16, 1868, and Charles Algernon Sidney Vivian was elected to lead the organization which through his insight and leadership has grown to be one of the premier charitable organizations in the United States, if not the world. Though Vivian died of typhoid fever at the young age of 37 in 1880, the organizational structure that was put in place under his leadership and others has been proven through the test of time.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NKJV)

7 *So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.*

Over the years, charity to the surrounding communities and beyond has been a mission for the Elks. Either through direct giving to those in need locally or through the Elks National Foundation, Elks willingly give of their time and treasure without expectation of being recog-



nized for their charitable hearts. "Elks Care, Elks Share" is not just a motto, it is a way of life.

The Order donated more than \$80,000,000 last year for youth programs, storm relief, veteran's programs, special needs children, homelessness, food banks, and the list goes on. A shining example of the "throbbing heart of Elkdom" is that during WWI, the Elks donated more than \$2 million to establish base hospitals in France. Shortly after, the Elks saw a need to help wounded soldiers and built a 700-bed hospital that was donated later to the War Department to assist the healing of veterans, becoming the forerunner of the VA. BPOE 1120 has been beneficial to the local community through disaster aid (Rolling Fork, Ms.), Christmas food baskets, widow's baskets, scholarships, student recognition, charitable events for those in need, and veteran support, to name a few.

Matthew 6:1-4

6 *"Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2 Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 3 But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly."*

Elks continue to serve and give without a desire for recognition. It is good to be an Elk.



# Rollin' Riches: A Wheelie Good Time at the Anything on Wheels Buggy Run!

Saturday, May 11, 2024 threatened with rain in the morning, but cleared up to be an exceptional day for the Anything on Wheels Buggy Run. The annual pub crawl and dice run saw more than 75 different vehicles from antique roadsters, bicycles, four-wheelers, and golf carts roaming the streets of Pascagoula in search of run and their chances at winning.

Participants in the 6th annual event wheeled from each of the 6 stops to the other, having good fun, food and drinks, and laughs. If you weren't paying attention, you probably got the train horn from a certain purple golf cart with a devious guy named Manny driving.

A group of Elks dubbed the 1120 Peddlin' Peckers rode their bicycles along the route and spent the day having a blast riding to:

Clocked Out Sports Bar and Grill

The Outrigger

Fleur De Lis

Roy's Neighborhood Bar

The Jazz Club

and ultimately to the Lodge for the final stop of the day.

Congratulations to the winners,

1st Place Robert O'Sullivan

2nd Place Robbie Holliday

3rd Place Kathy and Sam.







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Robert O'Sullivan**



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# Community Activities

Looking for some fun ways to spend your time? You don't have to look far. Our community is full of exciting events. Whether you want to make new friends, support a good cause, or learn something new, you will find plenty of opportunities in our community events calendar. If you go to one of these events, use the hashtag #elks1120outandabout in a Facebook post with a picture of you at the event to let us know you found it here. We'll post the best of them in our next issue.

## Sand Jam—Forces of Nature

June 1, 2024 —10:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Pascagoula Beach Park

Join the Jackson County and Pascagoula Recreation Departments and Play Coastal Mississippi for a day of Family Fun celebrating Mississippi wildlife, habitats, & heritage. There will be kayaking, youth fishing, cornhole, give aways, activity booths, temporary tattoos, arts and crafts, a treasure hunt, a band, and a Birds of Prey Show.

This is a free event!

## Geo Camp

June 3-7, 2024  
Pascagoula River Audubon Center—Moss Point

If you're a teen between 13 and 16 who loves exploring nature and making awesome videos, Geo Camp is the place to be this summer! At Geo Camp, you'll be the star of your own show, using video to share your discoveries with the world. Imagine being the voice that inspires others to step up and protect our planet – yeah, that could be you!

Picture this: you and a crew of fellow explorers, diving deep into the world of water. We're talking about learning why water is so dang important for everything around us – and how we can keep it safe. Don't miss out – grab your spot now and get ready for a fun adventure! Oh, and did we mention? Two participants will take home a \$300 Scholarship!

[This event is free but you must register!](#)

## Drive-In Movie: Barbie

June 7, 2024 —8:00 PM  
Old Singing River Mall—Gautier

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and see Barbieland first hand. Barbie and Ken are having the time of their lives in the colorful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans.

This is a free event!

## Movies Under the Stars: Aquaman

June 7, 2024 —8:00 PM  
Pascagoula Beach Park

Free outdoor movie & popcorn. Concessions available for purchase. Bring a lawn chair, picnic blanket, family and friends. Arthur Curry, the human-born heir to the underwater kingdom of Atlantis, goes on a quest to prevent a war between the worlds of ocean and land.

This is a free event!

## First Friday on the Riverfront

June 7, 2024 —5:00 PM—9:00 PM  
Moss Point River Front

First Friday on the River in Moss Point is a monthly celebration that brings the community together along the scenic riverfront. On the first Friday of each month, the riverfront comes alive with the sounds of local musicians and the aroma of delicious food from nearby eateries. It's a place where friends and families gather to unwind and savor the beauty of the river, enjoy live entertainment, and indulge in a variety of culinary delights. This event is not just about good food and music; it's an opportunity to connect with neighbors, support local artists and businesses, and create lasting memories in the heart of the city. Each First Friday on the River is a unique experience, reflecting the vibrant culture and warm hospitality of Moss Point.

This is a free event!

## Gautier 2nd Saturday Farmer's Market

June 8, 2024 —8:00 AM—12:00 PM  
Old Singing River Mall—Gautier

Experience the essence of community and the bounty of local harvests at our vibrant farmer's market. Every weekend, join us as we transform a space into a lively hub of fresh produce, artisanal crafts, and homemade delights. Engage with passionate vendors, savor the flavors of the season, and support sustainable agriculture while celebrating the diverse offerings of our region.

## Chevron Women's Network 5k Charity Run

June 8, 2024 —8:00 AM

Pascagoula Beach Park

Benefitting Adrienne's House and the Gulf Coast Center for Non-Violence. Learn more at [gulfcoastrunningclub.org](http://gulfcoastrunningclub.org). Walkers welcome. Runners and walkers receive a free shirt.

[Registration \\$22 until June 3 then \\$25.](#)

## Food Truck Frenzy

June 13, 2024 —4:00 PM—8:00 PM

Jackson County Fairgrounds—Pascagoula

Get ready to satisfy your cravings at the ultimate Food Truck Frenzy! This mouth-watering event brings together a rotating lineup of the area's most popular food trucks, each one offering its own unique and delectable cuisine. From savory to sweet, familiar favorites to bold new flavors, there's something for every palate. Prepare your taste buds for an epic eating adventure as you explore this cavalcade of food truck fare. It's a frenzy of flavors you won't want to miss! Food trucks vary by date.

## Pascagoula Men's Club Fishing Rodeo

June 15, 2024 —Scales open 2:00 PM—6 :00 PM

Pascagoula Point Park

Come test your angling skills at the Pascagoula Men's Club Inshore Challenge & Cobia/Snapper Shoot-Out! Reel in the biggest cobia or snapper to claim the \$1,000 first place purses. Inshore anglers can vie for top honors and payouts in the redfish/speck/flounder challenge. There's even a redfish with the most spots contest and a triple tail division. Don't miss your chance at bragging rights and paydays! The action takes place at The Point Park in Pascagoula. A captain's meeting kicks things off, followed by a lively family fun day with food, music and raffle prizes. A kids fishing rodeo runs concurrently with prizes for the biggest catches.

Entry \$50 per person.

## Flagship Summer Market

June 15, 2024 —10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Downtown Pascagoula

Get ready for the FIRST Flagship Summer Market in Downtown Pascagoula! Join Main Street Pascagoula for a day of fun and festivities as you explore the amazing local restaurants and retail shops in Pascagoula's Flagship District! But that's not all! There will be a fantastic lineup of art and craft vendors, plus live music from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

This is a free event!

## Gautier Men's Club Pirate Poker Run

June 22, 2024 —9:00 AM—5:00 PM

Prizes for best poker hands and for best boat decorations. Food included. \$50 gets 1 hand and food for 2. Stops include Huck's Cover | Brady's Steaks & Seafood | Marsh Landing | Mary Walker Marina | Sioux Bayou Marina.

Entry \$50 per hand.

## Tasty Thursday

June 27, 2024 —11:00 AM—6:00 PM

Old Singing River Mall—Gautier

Hungry for something different? Join us for Tasty Thursday - the can't-miss food truck event that brings new flavors every month! Browse the rotating lineup of vendors dishing out mouth-watering cuisines from around the world. Tasty Thursday delivers fresh and craveable eats to satisfy any appetite. Grab some globally-inspired grub and post up on the picnic tables for a laid-back afternoon of savoring the latest chef-driven foodie sensations on four wheels. Don't miss out on this roving smorgasbord of deliciousness - new tastes await on Tasty Thursday!

## Community Campout

June 29-30, 2024

Sheppard State Park, Gautier

Jackson County Recreation and Gautier Parks & Recreation are offering this free family camping event. Check in starts June 29 at 1:00 PM. Outdoor camping and games begin at 3:00 PM. Bonfires and smores, a movie with popcorn. Morning hike at 7AM Sunday. Dinner, Smores and Breakfast are provided. Bring your own camping gear and personal items. Rental tents available. No alcohol, TVs or pets.

This event is a free event.

## 4th of July Fireworks

July 4, 2024—8:45 PM

Pascagoula Beach Front

Gather with family and friends for the annual Pascagoula 4th of July fireworks extravaganza, illuminating the night sky above the beach at 8:45 PM. Set against the backdrop of the Gulf, the spectacular display launches from the Beach Park Pier, painting the horizon with brilliant bursts of color. As you revel in the magic of the moment, please be mindful to park responsibly and adhere to regulations prohibiting personal fireworks on the beach, ensuring a safe and unforgettable celebration for all.

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## Movies Under the Stars:

### The Super Mario Brothers Movie

July 12, 2024 —8:00 PM

Pascagoula Beach Park

Free outdoor movie & popcorn. Concessions available for purchase. Bring a lawn chair, picnic blanket, family and friends. A plumber named Mario travels through an underground labyrinth with his brother Luigi, trying to save a captured princess.

This is a free event!

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## Hanging Out in Hurley

July 18, 2024 —5:00 PM—9:00 PM

East Central Community Center Hwy 614

The Hanging Out in Hurley event is a lively community gathering that features an array of delicious food trucks and local vendors. Visitors can explore a diverse selection of culinary offerings, from mouthwatering street tacos to decadent desserts, while supporting small businesses in the area. The event provides a vibrant atmosphere for families and friends to come together and enjoy a fun-filled evening indulging in local flavors. With its welcoming vibe and celebration of the community's food scene, Hanging Out in Hurley is becoming a beloved tradition.

## Tasty Thursday

July 25, 2024 —11:00 AM—6:00 PM

Old Singing River Mall—Gautier

Hungry for something different? Join us for Tasty Thursday - the can't-miss food truck event that brings new flavors every month! Browse the rotating lineup of vendors dishing out mouth-watering cuisines from around the world. Tasty Thursday delivers fresh and craveable eats to satisfy any appetite. Grab some globally-inspired grub and post up on the picnic tables for a laid-back afternoon of savoring the latest chef-driven foodie sensations on four wheels. Don't miss out on this roving smorgasbord of deliciousness - new tastes await on Tasty Thursday!

## Sales Tax Sip and Shop Weekend

July 26-27, 2024— Business Hours

Downtown Pascagoula

Pascagoula's sales tax sip and shop weekend offers a unique opportunity to explore the city's downtown district while saving money. During this event, shoppers can enjoy tax-free purchases at local boutiques, galleries, and specialty stores, making it the perfect time to indulge in some retail therapy. In addition to the shopping discounts, visitors can sip on refreshing beverages and savor delectable cuisine at downtown restaurants and entertainment venues, creating a festive atmosphere for a memorable day out.



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# Presents



## To Kill a Mockingbird

Sep 26-28, 2024 7:00 PM  
Sep 29, 2024 2:00 PM

Reminiscent of a bygone era, the play immerses us in a simpler time as the children play outside in the summer, act out stories and muse about their mysterious neighbor, Boo Radley. The facade of the seemingly peaceful town begins to crack when a young black man is accused of a terrible crime. Driven by an unshakeable moral conviction, local lawyer Atticus defends the man in a trial that sends violent waves through the community. Timeless and lingering, this hard-hitting work explores prejudice, compassion and the courage to do what is right.

**Location:**  
Assembly Hall at  
Jackson County Fairgrounds  
2902 Shortcut Road, Pascagoula, MS

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# Recurring Events at #the1120

All recurring events are members and their guests only except for Bingo and Cornhole which are open to the public. Want to attend a members only event? Ask an Elk you know to sponsor you to start your membership adventure.



Every Thursday 7:00 PM



Every Tuesday 6:30 PM  
Open to the public.



Every Thursday 11:00AM



Every Friday 6:30 PM  
Elks & Their Guests Only



Every Friday 8:00 PM  
Elks & Their Guests Only



Every Sunday 4:00 PM  
Elks & Their Guests Only



1st Wednesday 6:00 PM



1st Thursday 6:00 PM



2nd Tuesday 6:00 PM



2nd Wednesday 6:00 PM  
Committee & Elks Only



Last Sunday 2:00 PM  
Elks & Their Guests Only



2nd Thursday 6:45 PM  
September—April

# June Calendar

1	SATURDAY	
2	SUNDAY	<b>MOTHERS/FATHERS DAY PRESENTATION</b>
3	MONDAY	LADIES AUXILIARY CARDS
4	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE
5	WEDNESDAY	<b>LADIES AUXILIARY MEETS</b>
6	THURSDAY	BINGO 11:00 AM   <b>LODGE MEETS 7:00 PM</b>
7	FRIDAY	KITCHEN STEAK NIGHT   KARAOKE
8	SATURDAY	
9	SUNDAY	NASCAR AT #THE1120   POTLUCK SOCIAL
10	MONDAY	
11	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE   <b>COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE</b>
12	WEDNESDAY	<b>HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETS</b>
13	THURSDAY	BINGO 11:00 AM   <b>LODGE MEETS 7:00 PM</b>
14	FRIDAY	LADIES STEAK NIGHT   KARAOKE
15	SATURDAY	
16	SUNDAY	NASCAR AT #THE1120   POTLUCK SOCIAL
17	MONDAY	LADIES AUXILIARY CARDS
18	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE
19	WEDNESDAY	
20	THURSDAY	BINGO 11:00 AM   <b>LODGE MEETS 7:00 PM</b>
21	FRIDAY	HOUSE STEAK NIGHT   KARAOKE
22	SATURDAY	
23	SUNDAY	NASCAR AT #THE1120   POTLUCK SOCIAL
24	MONDAY	
25	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE
26	WEDNESDAY	
27	THURSDAY	BINGO 11:00 AM   <b>LODGE MEETS 7:00 PM</b>
28	FRIDAY	OFFICER'S STEAK NIGHT   KARAOKE
29	SATURDAY	
30	SUNDAY	NASCAR AT #THE1120   POTLUCK SOCIAL   SILVER STRIKE BOWLING TOURNEY

# July Calendar

1	MONDAY	LADIES AUXILIARY CARDS
2	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE
3	WEDNESDAY	<b>NO LADIES AUXILIARY MEETING THS MONTH</b>
4	THURSDAY	<b>LODGE CLOSED NO BINGO NO MEETING</b>
5	FRIDAY	KITCHEN STEAK NIGHT   KARAOKE
6	SATURDAY	
7	SUNDAY	NASCAR AT #THE1120   POTLUCK SOCIAL
8	MONDAY	
9	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE   <b>COMMUNICATIONS COMM MEETS</b>
10	WEDNESDAY	<b>HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETS</b>
11	THURSDAY	BINGO 11:00 AM   <b>LODGE MEETS 7:00 PM</b>
12	FRIDAY	LADIES STEAK NIGHT   KARAOKE
13	SATURDAY	
14	SUNDAY	NASCAR AT #THE1120   POTLUCK SOCIAL
15	MONDAY	LADIES AUXILIARY CARDS
16	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE
17	WEDNESDAY	
18	THURSDAY	BINGO 11:00 AM   <b>LODGE MEETS 7:00 PM—BALLOTING</b>
19	FRIDAY	HOUSE STEAK NIGHT   KARAOKE
20	SATURDAY	
21	SUNDAY	NASCAR AT #THE1120   POTLUCK SOCIAL
22	MONDAY	<b>INDOCTRINATION</b>
23	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE
24	WEDNESDAY	
25	THURSDAY	BINGO 11:00 AM   <b>LODGE MEETS 7:00 PM - INITIATIONS</b>
26	FRIDAY	OFFICERS STEAK NIGHT   KARAOKE
27	SATURDAY	
28	SUNDAY	NASCAR AT #THE1120   POTLUCK SOCIAL   SILVER STRIKE BOWLING TOURNEY
29	MONDAY	
30	TUESDAY	CORNHOLE LEAGUE
31	WEDNESDAY	

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